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## MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SHANGHAI.

### INCREASED RATES FORECAST.

#### COST OF POLICING SETTLEMENT.

#### LOAN PROBABLE.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

That the Shanghai Municipal Council is looking round for new sources of revenue, that an increase in rates will probably be necessary next year, that the proceeds of the sale of the Electricity Department are nearing exhaustion, and that the cost of policing the Settlement continues to increase, are disclosed in certain preliminary details of the Municipal Budget which leaked out to-day.

The full statement of anticipated revenue and expenditure for the year 1931-32 is expected to be issued for publication shortly.

#### Police Costs.

One of the principal features of the Budget shows that the Police Department, the staff of which exceeds 5,000 in number, including over 500 foreigners, absorbs a higher percentage of the Municipal income than any other of the various departments.

In fact the percentage of the total devoted to the Police Department in 1930 was no less than 26 per cent.

#### Phenomenal Rise.

Expenditure by the Council has increased from \$18,250,000 in 1926 to approximately \$18,700,000, representing almost a tripling of outgoings in a period of five years.

In view of the position, it has been suggested that further avenues be explored for the purpose of increasing revenue, for instance, the imposition of a luxury or an entertainment tax such as recently came into operation in Hongkong at the beginning of the year.

#### Tax Evasion.

It is also stated that difficulty is now being experienced in the collection of taxation from the owners of property on extra-settlement roads.

The existing commitments of the Council, and the projects contemplated during the current year, will necessitate a total capital expenditure of over ten millions taels during 1932.

At the end of 1931, there will remain approximately thirty-four million taels from the \$18,000,000, the proceeds of the sale of the Electricity Department to a company.

#### Loan Commitments.

Over twenty-two millions of the sum remaining from this source will be required to meet the requirements of loan redemptions.

It will, therefore, perhaps be necessary, says an official Report, to raise a loan during 1933-34, and it will possibly be necessary to increase the rate by two per cent. in 1932.

The effect of such an increase would be to revert taxation to the figure obtaining prior to July, 1930, when it was reduced on the sale of the electricity undertaking.

## ATTACK ON WATER SPEED RECORD.

### KAYE'DON TO TRY TO-DAY AT BUENOS AIRES.

Buenos Aires, Apr. 1.

The repairs to the racing motor-boat, Miss England II have been completed.

Despite the swollen state of the Parana River, Kaye Don has announced that he intends to make a speed test of the boat at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

## An Irish Sweep Sensation.

### Dispute Over First Prize Ticket.

#### AN INJUNCTION.

London, Apr. 1.

Something of a sensation has been caused by the development of a dispute regarding the ownership of the ticket for first prize in the Irish Hospitals Sweep on the Grand National, which nets the owner over £340,000.

Mr. Justice Meredith, sitting in the Dublin High Court to-day, granted an injunction for an Irish Hospital Trust from paying the prize-money in the Sweep to Emilio Scala, the Italian owner of a coffee-shop at Battersea, who is the holder of the Grakle ticket.

It may be recalled that when interviewed after he had received the news of the draw, Scala said that all his forty relatives held a share in the ticket.

The application in Court to-day was made by two Italians, who claimed that the winning ticket belonged to a pool. The money due on the ticket amounts to £254,554, though Scala is reported to have sold half the ticket to a speculator for £3,000.—*Reuter*.

## SINO-JAPANESE INCIDENT.

### PROTEST OVER WOUNDING OF CHINESE.

Hankow, Apr. 1.

A regrettable incident involving Japanese soldiers and a Chinese resident occurred here yesterday, when, in the course of military practice, the Japanese soldiers wounded a Chinese.

The Chinese was shot by a stray bullet, and as his condition is serious, the incident is engaging the attention of Chinese public bodies.

The Municipal Government will make an official enquiry into the cause of the incident to-morrow, preparatory to launching a protest with the Japanese Government.

It will also be recalled that on Sunday while a party of Japanese soldiers were engaged in practice in the railway zone in Mukden they clashed with a party of Chinese police who fired 80 shots on the Japanese. Chinese messages from Mukden state that the incident has not been settled and officials of both sides are still investigating the causes of the incident.

## FRANCE BUDGETS FOR A DEFICIT.

### PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS FOR EASTER.

London, April 1.

The Budget for 1931-32 has been definitely adopted, providing for an expenditure totalling £18,500,000,000, and estimated revenue of £18,500,000,000.

The Government is therefore budgeting for a deficit of approximately £1,000,000,000.

The session was afterwards closed for the Easter Recess and will re-open on May 5.—*Havas*.

## PREMIER FLIES TO SCOTLAND.

### GOES NORTH FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.

London, Apr. 1.

The Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, to-day flew from London to Loughborough, North Scotland, where he is spending the Easter, in an Air Force machine piloted by Flight Lieutenant Heslop.—*British Wireless*.

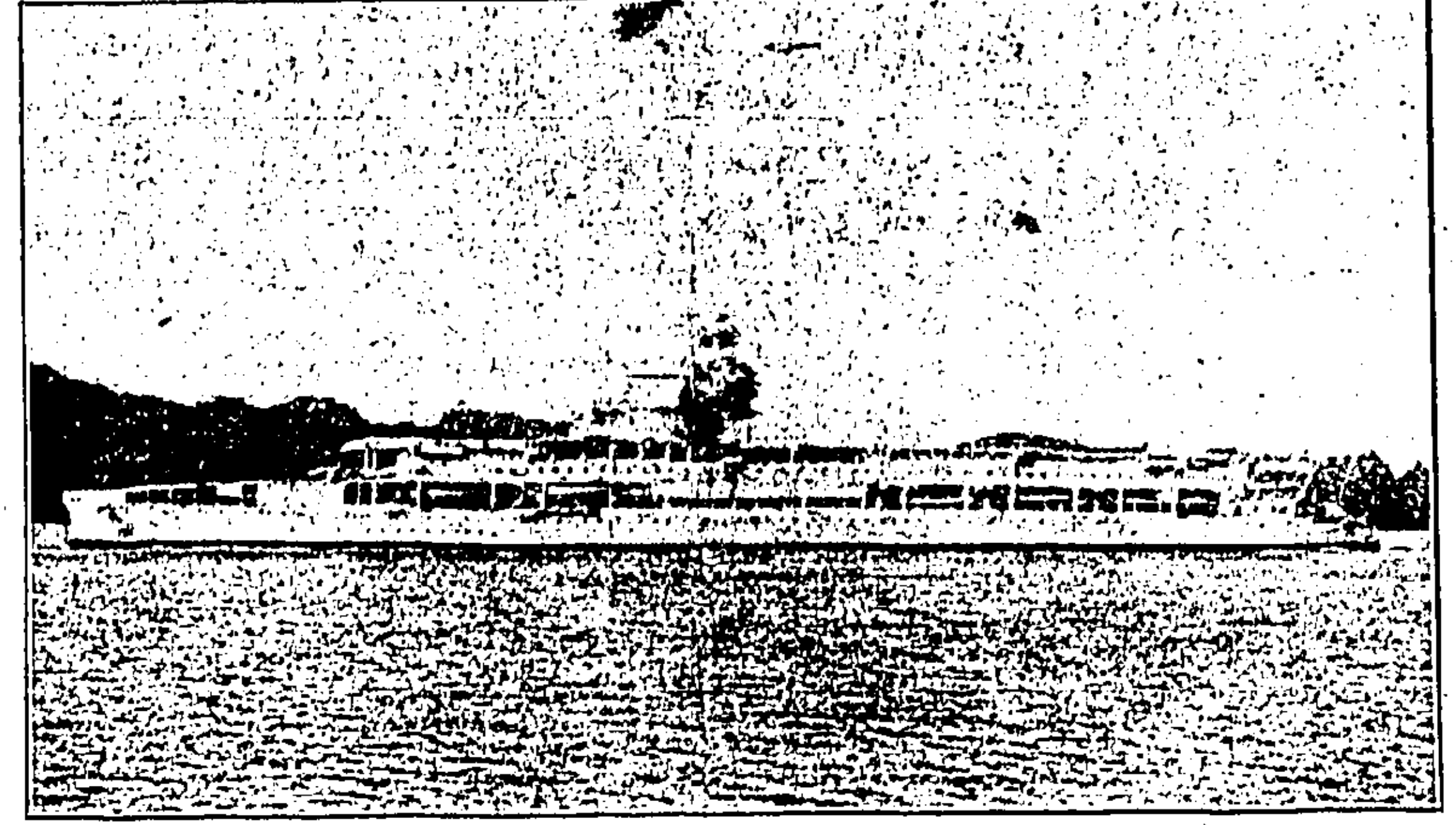
## LADY MISSIONARY'S FORTUNE.

### MISS LILLIAS GRAHAM LEAVES OVER £100,000.

London, April 1.

Miss Lillias Catherine Graham, formerly of the English Presbyterian Mission at Chingchow, who died in England recently, left an estate valued at £101,000.—*Reuter*.

## H.M.S. GLORIOUS IN COLLISION.



## FRENCH LINER NEARLY SUNK IN FOG.

### TRANSFER OF IMPERILLED PASSENGERS.

## SEVERAL CREW KILLED.

The French liner Florida is being towed to Malaga in a sinking condition, following a serious collision off Gibraltar last evening with the British aircraft-carrier Glorious (shown above). The grave danger to the Florida was obvious at once and the five hundred passengers aboard were hastily transferred to the warship, which afterwards took the Florida in tow.

Several members of the crew of the liner were killed by the smash, while seventeen aeroplanes from the Glorious were stranded in the air, so to speak, until permission was obtained for their landing in Spanish territory.

### A STERN-FIRST TOW.

Gibraltar, Apr. 1.

H.M.S. Glorious, the giant British aircraft-carrier, came into collision with and severely damaged the French nine-thousand-ton liner "Florida" off Gibraltar to-day.

The Florida was in a sinking condition after the smash and it was decided at once to transfer all the passengers, numbering some five hundred to the Glorious.

All the passengers were safely transferred, and the warship is now towing the Florida to port.

Several of the crew of the Florida have been left aboard dead.

Cruisers and destroyers are standing by the Glorious and the Florida ready for emergency.

### Struck in Fog.

It is learned that the collision between H.M.S. Glorious and the s.s. Florida occurred during a dense fog at approximately six o'clock this evening.

The Glorious struck the Florida heavily on the port side near the fore part, holding her badly.

The five hundred passengers of the Florida are now aboard the Glorious, which is towing the Florida stern first to Malaga.

### Aeroplanes Homeless.

Seventeen aeroplanes from H.M.S. Glorious were in the air at the time of the collision, and were unable to return to the ship in consequence of the mishap, which prevented the vessel from proceeding at a speed necessary for a safe landing.

The seventeen airmen have, however, arrived safely at Malaga aerodrome, where the Spanish authorities gave permission for them to land.

### "Outrageous Class."

The Glorious is of approximately 20,000 tons. She was built during the war as a cruiser as part of the Emergency War Programme. Lord

## NORWEGIAN SHIP AGROUND.

### DAMAGED AND LEAKING IN FORWARD HOLD.

#### FOG IN HAINAN STRAIT.

Bound from Hongkong to Shanghai, the Norwegian steamer Tonjer met with a thick fog in Hainan Straits and grounded yesterday evening at Ching Mae Point, approximately ten miles west of Hoihow.

A cable was received here early this morning, informing Messrs. Kursten, Larssen & Co., the local agents, for the owners, of the mishap, and stating that a Japanese salvage tug is now standing by the Tonjer, which has been damaged in the forward hold, which is leaking.

The Japanese tug was close at hand at the time of the mishap attending the Shinsei Maru No. 6, which had grounded in that vicinity about a fortnight before.

The Tonjer is under charter to the Kullian Mining Administration, and is owned by H. M. Wraiggell & Co. She is a steel screw steamer of 3,268 tons gross and 1,948 net, and was built in 1920 by Smith's Dock Co. Ltd. She calls fairly often at Hongkong. She is 334.2 feet long, her beam is 48 feet and her depth 22.7 feet.

## THEFT FROM AN EMPRESS BOAT.

### CHINESE GETS PRISON SENTENCE.

Convicted on a charge of theft of a Chinese scale from the Empress of Asia, the property of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, Yung On was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning.

The defendant was seen carrying the scale and leaving the wharf by the No. 1 "boy", who stopped him and had him arrested by a watchman, who had seen the scale being passed to the defendant through a port hole.

The defendant said that he was only acting in the capacity of a coolie, and was carrying the scale for a passenger. He admitted having five previous convictions.

Chan Pak-to, alias Chan "Taz-lai", who died at No. 6, Cheung On Street, Kowloon, Bay Reclamation, on October 11, 1930, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$120,500. Probate of the will has been granted to his son, Chan Leung-ze, living at the Cheung On Street address. Testator makes bequest of property, and directs that in the event of it being sold it shall be divided into four equal shares for family distribution.

Hearing cries of "Save life!" one of the crew of the s.s. Fatshan, lying at Canton Wharf last night, rushed to the side and discovered a man struggling in the water. He threw a lifebuoy at the man who failed to grasp it and disappeared. In a report received by the police it was stated that the missing man had the appearance of a coolie. He had, a few days ago, collided with and sank a small boat in Plymouth Sound.—*Reuter*.

## To Cairo in Day and Night.

### Millionaire Flier's Dashing Effort.

#### RECORD BROKEN.

London, Apr. 1.

Commander Glen Kidston, the millionaire sportsman, who left England yesterday on a record-breaking flight to South Africa, is already in Cairo!

His first hop took him to Naples, after a brief rest he flew to Malta, arriving there this morning, and then hopped off for Cairo, arriving there this evening, having broken all records for the journey.

Commander Kidston is accompanied on his flight by Lieut. Cathcart Jones and a wireless operator named Johnson. His next stop is Nairobi, then Broken Hill and then Capetown, which he is likely to reach in well under the six days he has set himself if he maintains his present rate of progress.

It is the promoter's desire to demonstrate that the air mail service between England and South Africa can be speeded up immensely.

Mr. Anderson Scott, who left England to-day on a solo flight to Australia and hopes to beat Kingsford Smith's remarkable ten-days record, is using a 120 h.p. Gipsy Moth fitted with extra tanks. He was previously in the Royal Air Force, and is taking the following route, Sofia, Aleppo, Bushire, Karachi, Rangoon, Singapore, Bima and Port Darwin.—*British Wireless*.

## TIN RESTRICTION PROPOSALS.

### SIAM AND BURMA INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

London, Apr. 1.

The Colonial Office announces that the international committee to regulate the production and export of tin, which held its first meeting in London yesterday, is asking the Governments of Siam and Burma and certain other countries, the tin production of which is important, to adhere to the scheme.

The participating Governments have been requested to intimate as soon as possible whether they approve of the principle of the suggestion and an elaboration of the international research scheme.—*Reuter*.

## COTTON MILL LABOUR UNREST.

### JAPANESE AND CHINESE GO ON STRIKE.

Tsingtao, Apr. 1.

The announcement of a strike by Chinese and Japanese labourers working in five Japanese cotton mills here this morning caused some surprise in commercial circles.

As a precaution against riots by the discontented element among the strikers, the factory owners have sought the service of naval forces to stand by at the factories. The labourers are demanding better treatment.

## COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGES.

### RETIREMENT OF SIR JOHN RISLEY.

London, Apr. 1.

Following the retirement from the public service of Sir John Risley, Mr. H. G. Bush has been appointed Legal Adviser to the Dominions and Colonial Offices and Mr. H. Duncan Assistant Legal Adviser to both departments.—*British Wireless*.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is now central near Shanghai. Fresh to moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

## AN EXTRADITION SCANDAL.

### U.S. GOVERNMENT CRITICISED.

#### "ABOMINABLE TREATMENT" OF HONGKONG.

#### SOLICITOR'S PROTEST.

"I think this Court has been treated with contempt, and the Hongkong Government has been treated in a most abominable fashion by the United States Government," declared Mr. F. H. Loseby at the Central Magistracy this morning in commenting on the delay in extradition formalities which have caused his client, Mrs. Jeng Shee, to be held in custody for several weeks past.

Mrs. Jeng Shee, the wife of an emigrant to the United States, is accused of having embezzled \$25,000 (Gold) while in California. Through her solicitor, she had intimated at previous appearances before the Court her readiness to waive the formality of extradition proceedings and return to California of her own accord.

#### Still Waiting.

The situation with regard to the application from the United States had remained unchanged, Mr. T. Murphy, A. S. P., informed the Magistrate this morning. There had been no further intimation from the United States through the local Consulate-General, and he applied for a further formal remand, while hoping to hear from the requisitioning Government soon.

The Magistrate (Mr. Schofield) said he hoped that further news would arrive before the end of the month. He again granted another formal remand, until the 9th, bail for the defendant being as before.

#### Field Over a Month.

Mr. Loseby has made many spirited protests against the casual attitude adopted by the American Government in regard to the case. Mrs. Jeng Shee has now been in the custody of the Hongkong Police since February, and it has been alleged by Mr. Loseby that the delay has been entirely due to a squabble as to who shall pay the fare to America.

Bail which was fixed originally at \$100,000 was at length reduced to \$75,000.

#### Without Precedent.

Mr. Schofield admitted recently that the case is entirely without precedent. The "fugitive" has offered to go back of her own free will, but the offer has been deliberately turned down by the American authorities.

Mr. Loseby has intimated his intention of cabling the Secretary of State for the Colonies in connection with the matter.

## CROWN COLONY FEDERATION.

### COMMISSION MAY BE APPOINTED.

London, Apr. 1.

In a despatch to the Governors of Trinidad, Windward Islands, and Leeward Islands, Lord Passfield, Secretary for the Colonies, states that he has been carefully considering the question of some form of closer union between those islands and the many issues which such an administrative change would involve.

He proposes that a Commission, probably consisting of two or three persons, with very broad terms of reference, should proceed as soon as possible to the Colonies concerned to conduct a comprehensive enquiry into the whole question.

Before coming to any decision as to the appointment of the Commission, Lord Passfield has asked the Governors whether they concur in principle in the proposal, and to submit their views at an early date.

Lord Passfield's despatch, which reviews the whole subject of Federation in the Caribbean, has attracted the view that the Commission should be appointed as soon as possible to conduct a comprehensive enquiry into the whole question.



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### MEASLES OCCUR IN GAOL.

#### PIRACY DEFENDANTS NOT IN COURT.

A dock, which should have contained twelve men, to hear the formal decision of the judge regarding the conviction recorded against them for piracy, was empty when the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) took his place at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

His Lordship asked for an explanation. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Crown Solicitor) said he could not give one, but Mr. J. W. Franks, the Superintendent of Prisons, gave the necessary reasons. One, or more, he could not be certain, of the men, had contracted measles in prison, and the remainder were in isolation.

"This morning," said Mr. Franks, "the Crown Solicitor rang me up and said the prisoners would be required to attend the Criminal Court at 11 o'clock. I told him one of them had been certified as having measles; now I am not quite certain how many have it, but the rest have been isolated. Later Your Lordship would not be required, but that I should."

Mr. Justice Wood said that the position was that the prisoners had appeared in that Court on an indictment of piracy, and the conviction had been quashed. He would now place on record the fact that the conviction stood quashed and that there were no convictions against them. He would ask the Crown Solicitor to arrange for their discharge.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who made the successful appeal on behalf of the twelve men, said he had been instructed to apply for the return of the two junks which were now held by the police.

His Lordship said he did not think any order was required. As there was no conviction standing against them he thought Counsel's clients could claim the boats on their release, and there could be no answer to their claim.

### MURDER AT SEA.

#### TWO CHINESE CHARGED AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

An alleged murder of a Chinese on board a sampan about seven miles from the British border, off Single Point, in the vicinity of Bias Bay, had a sequel before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, when Chan Ching appeared on the capital charge.

The prisoner, a fisherman, was charged with the murder of Li Le, the alleged crime being committed with another man not in custody on December 31, 1930. Chan Koon-po, another fisherman, was charged with being an accessory after the fact, by housing the first defendant.

Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds appeared for the Police and made an application for a week's formal remand. The defendants were accordingly remanded to next Wednesday.

### SHANGHAI RATING.

#### AN APPEAL COMMITTEE BEING SET UP.

A Rate Assessment Appeal Committee whose duty it will be to hear and decide appeals against the assessment of houses and buildings for the levying of the general municipal rate has been appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Council. The five members of this committee are Messrs. S. Mizuta, Kwei Yon Fong, A. Nazer, H. F. Lewis, and P. Comery. Any ratepayer who is dissatisfied with any assessment declared by the Council may appeal to this committee provided the appeal is made within 30 days after receipt of the notice of assessment.

### LATE DR. ANDERSON.

#### MEMORIAL MEETING HELD AT UNIVERSITY.

Sir William Hornell, Vice Chancellor of the Hongkong University, presiding at the memorial meeting at the Great Hall, for the late Dr. John Anderson, late Professor of Medicine at the University, whose death occurred recently in Shanghai, paid an eloquent tribute to the late Professor.

The meeting was attended by the friends and students of the late Professor as well as by the professors of the various faculties. Also present were Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Kotewall, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. M. K. Lo, Dr. W. R. A. Moore, Dr. J. H. McIntosh, Dr. J. C. McDonald and many others who had known the deceased.

At the conclusion of the meeting a resolution of condolence proposed by the Chairman was passed in the customary manner, and is to be forwarded to the deceased's mother and family in Scotland.

Addressing the gathering Sir William said:

"Dr. John Anderson is dead. He was so vital, so untiring that those who enjoyed the intimacy of his friendship can not believe that he shall not see him again.

"He was taken in the fulness of his vigour. We hear that he died of an operation; that is all we know. Of one thing, however, we can be certain and that is that he met his end with the patience and serenity which never failed him.

"Dr. Anderson's parents were poor and he had to make his own way in the world. After a successful career in Glasgow he went down to Wallasey, then a growing suburb of Liverpool. He refused to go in for a panel practice, but in spite of the gloomy prognostications of his friends he made good as a general practitioner. When the war came, he gave up his practice and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. He passed unscathed through the danger and disease of the Gallipoli and Palestine Campaigns. It was during the war that he got his direct bent to tropical medicine. So when the war was over he gave up his practice at Wallasey, his brother and joined the London Tropical School of Medicine. No less a man than Dr. T. R. Elliott, Physician to University College Hospital, London, Professor of Medicine London University and a Member of the Medical Research Committee recently established by the Privy Council testified to the excellent work done by him on a special mission to British Guiana to investigate the hook-worm scourge. It was Dr. Elliott who recommended Dr. Anderson to this University and in so doing he quoted Professor R. T. Leiper, F.R.S., as being very confident of Dr. Anderson's promise of ability. Dr. Leiper is, as many of you know, Professor of Helminthology in the University of London, Director of the Division of Medical Zoology and Tropical Medicine and of the Imperial Bureau of Agricultural Parasitology, St. Albans.

"Of Dr. Anderson's life and work here I will not speak. He resigned in 1928 to go to the Henry Lester Medical Research Institute in Shanghai. He did not live to see the Institute completed, but he worked away zealously for about a year in a temporary hospital. He had looked forward to years of research work in Shanghai, but Fate has decided otherwise.

### War Reminiscences.

"Dr. Anderson's war reminiscences were wonderful. He was in fact one of the best raconteurs that I have ever met. The year before last he took me to the Highlands of Scotland. No motor trip, however long, was ever tiring; no tramp however extended seemed long, for they were all enlivened by his unfailing supply of wit and anecdote. In the honesty of his realism which though it unerring detected sham or humbug, was ever relieved by a kindly tolerance, he was a typical Scot. His never failing patience and humour smoothed many a stony path. No

### NEW FLIGHT TO THE ANTIPODES.

#### ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BEAT RECORD.

London, Apr. 1.  
Another long distance flight from England has been started. The six-footer Londoner, Mr. Charles William Scott, an ex-R.A.F. aviator, left Lympne at 4.55 p.m. in an attempt to break Kingsford Smith's 237 hour record to Australia.

Scott's longest projected hop, from Singapore to Blinn is 1,520 miles. He is using a Gypsy 120 horse-power engine capable of making a hundred and ten miles an hour.—*Reuter.*

London, Apr. 1.  
The experimental England-Australia flight follows the existing route to Delhi, thence to Allahabad, Calcutta, Rangoon, Tavoy, Victoria Point, Alor Star and Singapore, where it is due to arrive on the 16th, thence to Batavia, Binn and Port Darwin.—*Reuter.*

[A message dated the 30th ult. stated that arrangements had been completed between the Post Office, the Air Ministry and Imperial Airways for the immediate operation of two experimental return airmail flights between England and Australia, via India and Singapore. The first outward flight is due to leave Croydon on April 4, and is scheduled to cover the 11,194 miles between London and Port Darwin in fifteen days. At Port Darwin, on April 19, an Australian aeroplane will connect with the Imperial Airways liner, conveying the mails to Sydney and Melbourne.]

one could ever hope for a more genial and obliging colleague.

"As the years roll by and the University which has weathered so many storms grows into manhood, it may be that many more eminent Professors than John Anderson will occupy its Chair of Medicine—I hope so. But I doubt whether any of his successors will ever be more universally beloved in Hongkong. I am not using the language either of convention or extravagance, when I say that many a home in this Colony to-day is the sadder for John Anderson's death. His memory will long abide in this University and in Hongkong generally as the memory of one who, wherever he went, left the comfort and encouragement of his unstinted and effective medical skill and experience, the understanding of his kindly sympathy, his courteous good humour and his all-forbearing tolerance and patience.

"His mother, a wonderful Scottish woman is still living. She was very proud of John and his death must have been a great shock to her. I now ask the meeting to pass the following resolution and to authorize me to send it on your behalf to his mother and his brothers and sisters. I would also ask you to authorize me to send a message of condolence to the Director of the Henry Lester Medical Research Institute, Shanghai.

"That the members of the University and friends gathered in the Great Hall of the University this afternoon have heard with profound regret of the untimely death of Dr. John Anderson, the University's first whole-time Professor of Medicine; that the meeting desires to place on record the services which Dr. Anderson rendered not only to the University, but also to the whole Colony, and to testify to the general grief which his death has evoked in Hongkong, and to the loss to medical science which this premature closing of a promising career has entailed; that the meeting directs the Vice Chancellor to convey to Dr. Anderson's mother and to his brothers and sisters the deep sympathy which all John Anderson's many friends in Hongkong feel for them in their bereavement; that the Vice Chancellor is also requested to convey to the Director of the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research, Shanghai, the condolence of the University and Medical Profession of Hongkong in the Institute's loss."

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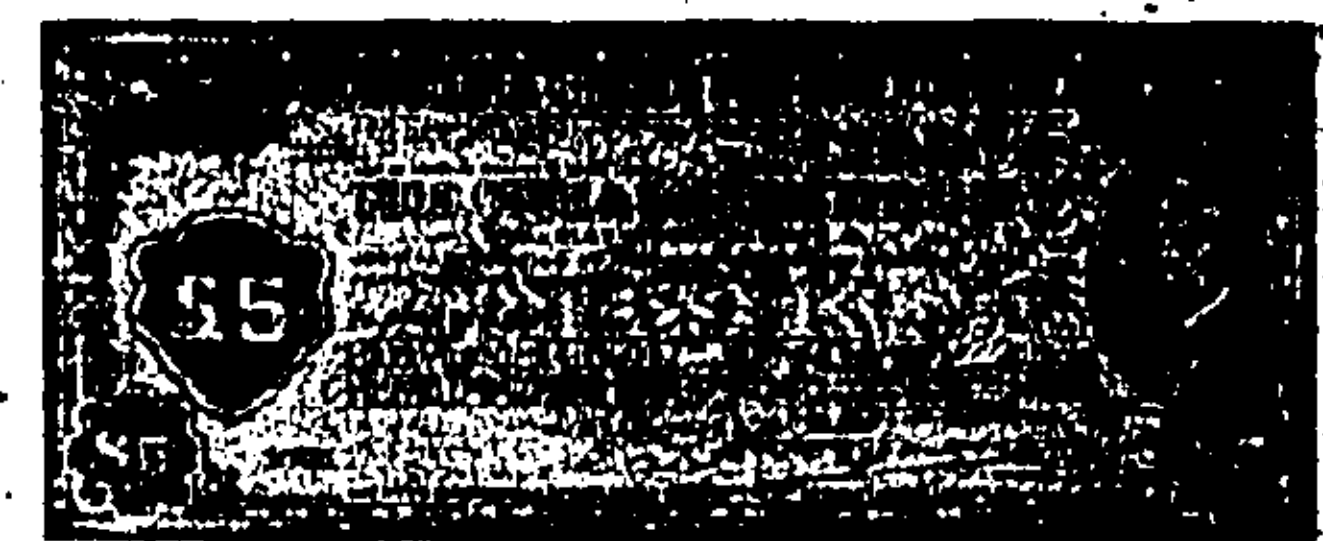
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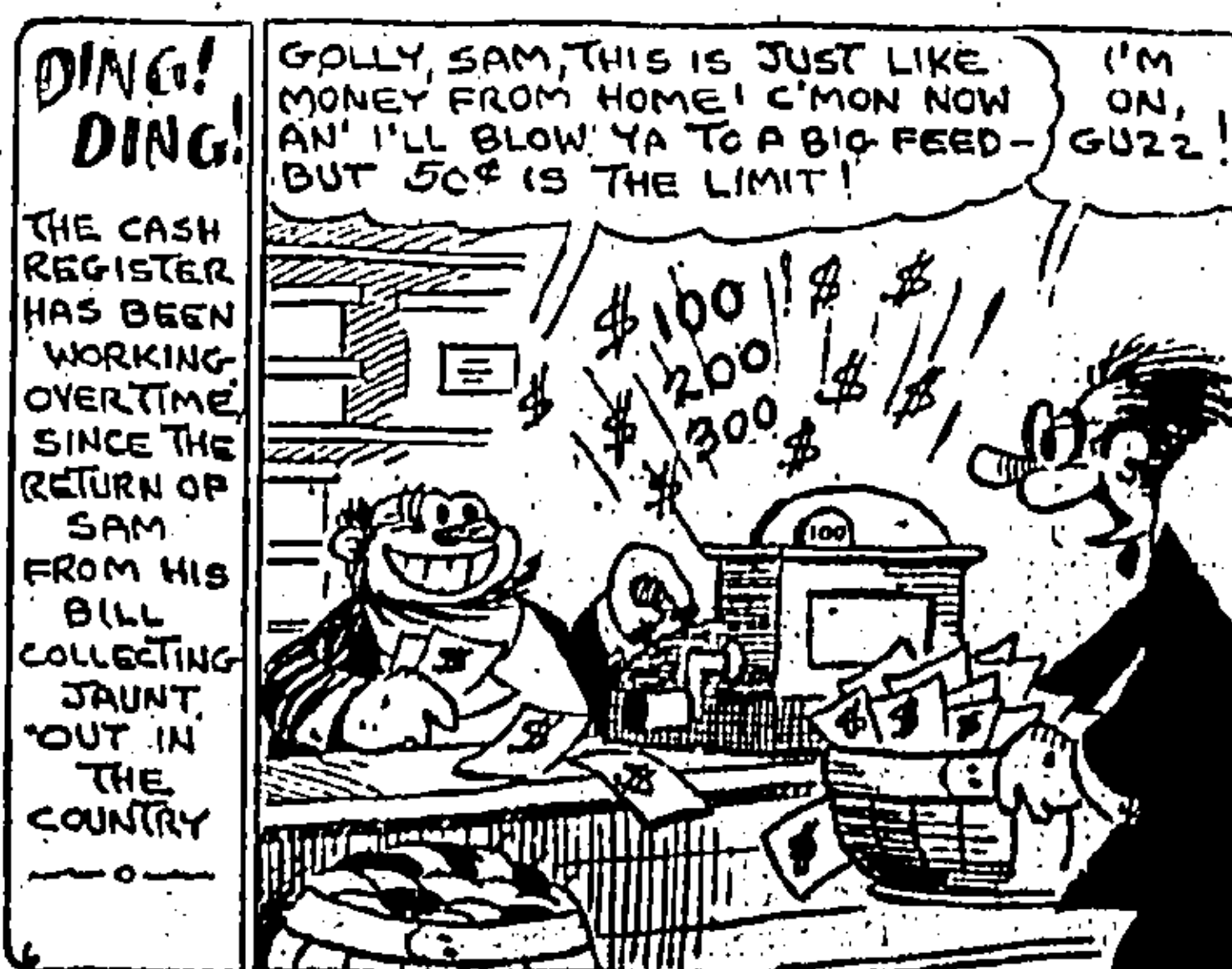
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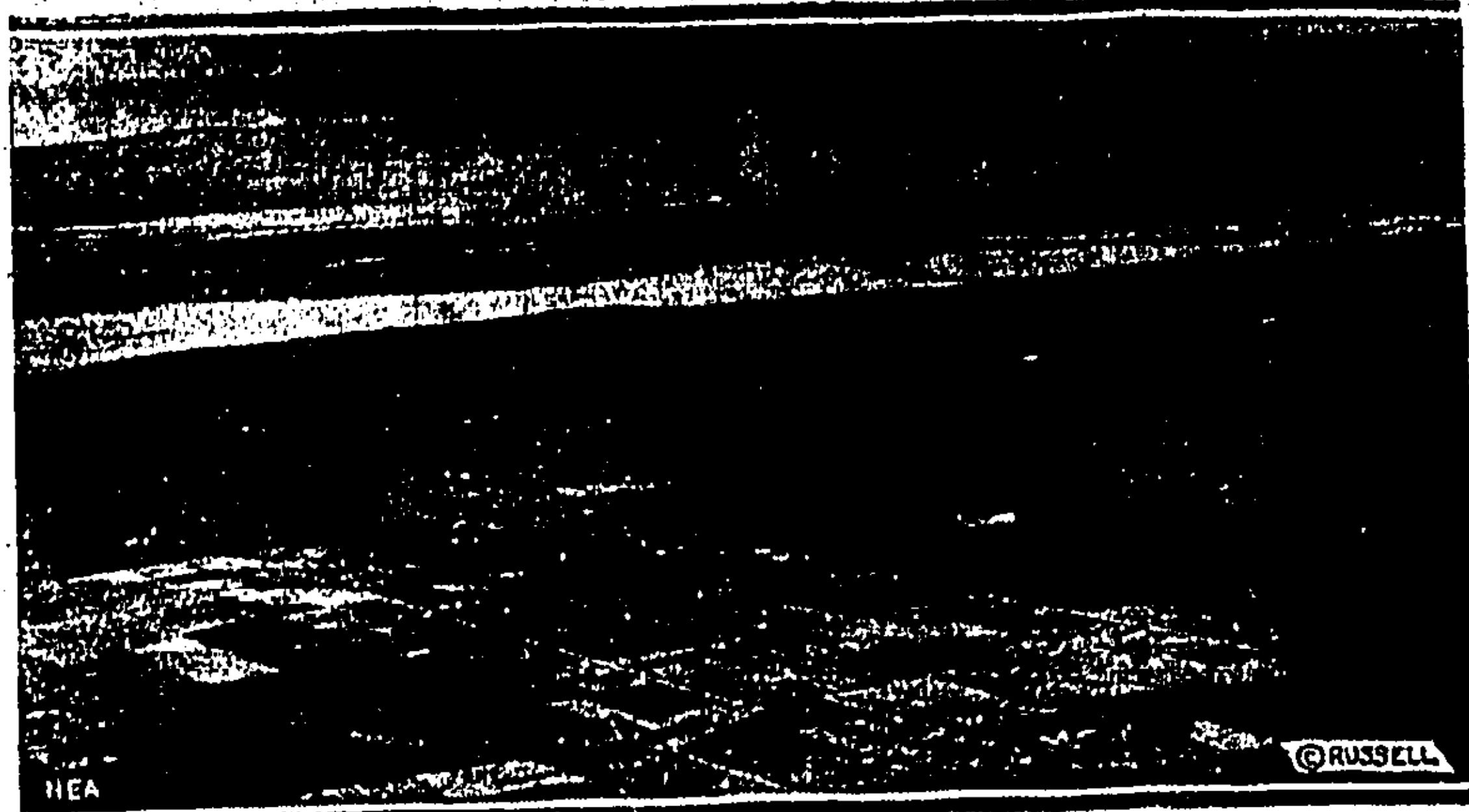
### By Small







Miss Margot Stephen, daughter of the late Mr. A. G. Stephen, of the H. K. & S. B. who was married in Shanghai.



This air picture shows the newest acquisition for American naval aviation, the site of the dirigible base at the southern end of San Francisco bay. Congress recently accepted the 1000-acre site, and early construction funds are available. The base will be the west coast replica of Lakehurst.



Lieut. E. Storich, an Italian naval officer, who sailed with his bride to Italy on the following day.



Captain Roy Kimmel, left, is shown with a new giant low-wing monoplane on which he proposed to embark on a Transatlantic and round the world flight. With him is Wilcox Post, also planning a Transatlantic trip.



At Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, recently, Miss Jennie Doreen MacFarlane was married to Mr. John G. Wilcox. It was one of the most fashionable weddings of the Shanghai season. Colonel L. M. Cosgrave gave the bride away.



Photo taken after the wedding in Shanghai, recently of Miss Mary Symington Tarbet and Mr. M. Louttit. Captain Gordon Dyson gave the bride away, Mrs. H. H. Miller being Matron of Honour.



Douglas Fairbanks is shown above in a suit of Japanese armour, during frolics after a dinner given in Tokyo by Mr. Sessue Hayakawa.



Sir Malcolm Campbell, above, was not out for speed records when this picture was taken.



Sir Malcolm Campbell, is shown above being congratulated by his niece, after setting a world land speed record of over 245 miles an hour.



Miss Emily Marshall, daughter of the late Mr. Douglas Marshall, a debutante at St. Patrick's Ball in Shanghai.

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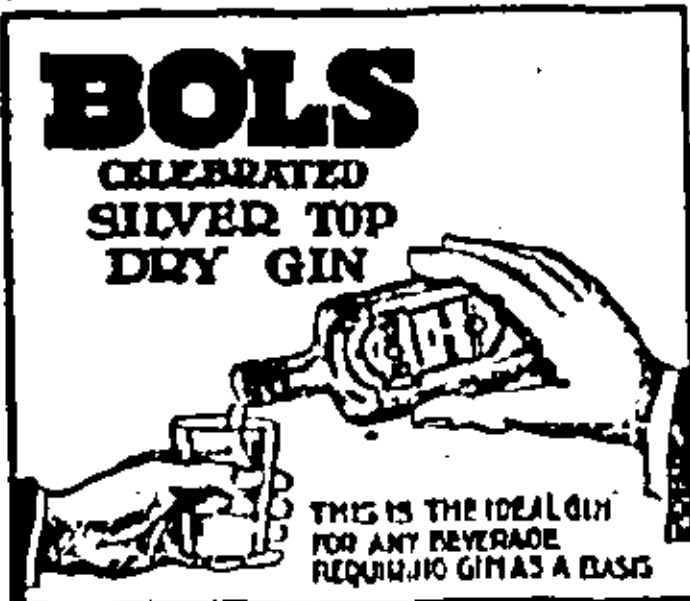
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## CHURCH NOTICES.

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## SPECIAL MUSIC.

St. John's Cathedral, Holy Week and Easter, April 2nd, 1931. Maundy Thursday, 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.00 a.m. Mattins. 5.15 p.m. Evensong and Address. Subject "Pilate." The Dean, April 3rd, 1931. Good Friday, 7.45 a.m. Mattins, Litany and Ante-Communion. 10.00 a.m. Children's Service. The Dean. 11.00-2.00 p.m. Three Hours Devotion. Conductor: Rev. F. Freeman, R.N. Offer-tories for the Church of England Mission in Jerusalem. 9.15 p.m. Recital of Passion Music by The Cathedral and Philharmonic Choirs. April 4th Easter Eve, 9.00 a.m. Mattins and Ante-Communion. 5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong. First Evensong of Easter. April 5th Easter Day, 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Peak Church. 10.00 a.m. Children's Service. The Dean. 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Sermon. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria. 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: The Dean. April 6th Monday in Easter Week, 10.00 a.m. Mattins. 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion. April 7th Tuesday in Easter Week, 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

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## NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, the 3rd April, and EASTER MONDAY, the 6th April, All Departments will be CLOSED.

on these days.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

ON SATURDAY, the 4th April, all departments will open as usual. Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

## KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

## DINNER DANCE,

Wednesday, 15th April,

at 8 p.m. in the Rose Room

## Peninsula Hotel.

Tickets \$5. Book early as tickets are limited.

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 3rd, 4th and 6th April. (Easter Holidays). Hongkong, 27th March, 1931.

## New Advertisements.

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BANK LIMITED.

## (IN LIQUIDATION).

A first dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of the Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd. (in Liquidation). Creditors who have not proved their debt by the 31st day of July, 1931, will be excluded from this dividend.

Proofs should be sent to the undersigned at 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of July, 1931.

Dated the 31st March, 1931.

J. HENNESSEY SEITH,

S. HAMPDEN ROSS,

Joint Liquidators.

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &amp; MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be available on APRIL 8th, 1931, and may be obtained on application by shareholders in person or in writing at the Registered Offices of the Company, 178, Connaught Road, West.

By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the interest of Mr. Noel Victor Amor Croucher in our firm ceased as from the 31st day of March, 1931.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we have to-day admitted Mr. Shi Yu Man as a partner in our firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I have retired from the firm of Messrs. Benjamin & Potts as from the 31st day of March, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building where I am carrying on business as a Stock and Share Broker as from the date thereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

The Annual General Meeting of members will be held on

WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1931, at 6 o'clock instead of 9th April, 1931, as previously notified.

JAMES STEWART,

Hon. Secretary.

## NEDERLANDSCH INDISCHE HANDELSBANK N.V.

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## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that as from 7th April next, this Bank will occupy New Premises at 5, Des Voeux Road, Central. (Opposite present Office).

C. J. ENDERT,

Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Easter Extra Meeting, 1931.

In all Handicap Events, if the Top Weight does not accept, all weights will be raised 5 lbs. Owners of Ponies carrying top weight are requested to notify the Secretary at their earliest convenience whether they intend to accept.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 4th April, and on Monday, 6th April, 1931, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. per day for Gentlemen and \$3. per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2. per day including tax, for all persons including Ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be served in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure during the Tiffin interval.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

## Notice of Removal.

Effective from the 1st April, 1931, the present office at the French Building will be removed to No. 20, Ice House, Street, Ground Floor.

W. E. HOLLANDS,

Hon. Secretary

## NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business. 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when both Stores will close at 1 p.m.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open.

On week days until 7.30 p.m. On Sundays and Public Holidays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

## JAPANESE COMBINE.

## DETAILS OF N.Y.K.-O.S.K. UNDERSTANDING.

Tokyo, Mar. 28. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, two leading shipping companies in this country, which have of late decided to co-operate, as a result of yesterday's meeting of directors of both firms concerned have jointly issued a statement.

The statement first points out that in view of the tendency of the times, the two shipping companies have formulated a plan for rational management. The new plan will be enforced in the following manner:

1.—Duplicate lines, so far placed under the separate management of the two companies, be readjusted.

2.—Joint accounts to be adopted for the parallel lines of the two companies.

3.—All the equipment prepared by the two companies be commonly utilized and all articles to be used by the two companies be purchased at joint accounts.

4.—Passengers and cargo be undertaken jointly by the two companies.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Taul, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Containing in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2450.	North of Kowloon Island, between the 1st and 2nd Streets, and the 1st and 2nd Streets.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	40,000	40,000	\$33	\$32,218

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Containing in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2451.	At junction of the 1st and 2nd Streets, and the 1st and 2nd Streets.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	40,000	40,000	\$33	\$31,570

## G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Containing in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1447.	Between the 1st and 2nd Streets, and the 1st and 2nd Streets.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	40,000	40,000	\$33	\$18,675

## NANKING TO BERLIN AIR SERVICE.

## TRIAL MACHINE ARRIVES SAFE IN PEKING.

Nanking, Apr. 1. A Junkers aeroplane hopped off at nine o'clock this morning, inaugurating the Nanking-Berlin air service. The plane stops at Tsienanfu, Peking, Mukden and Manchuria.

At Irkutsk it will be met by the Soviet Government air service which will carry on the service to Moscow where the Luftwaffe will meet it and operate the service to Berlin.—Reuter.

Peking, Apr. 1. The Junkers aeroplane from Nanking arrived here at three this afternoon after an excellent flight.—Reuter.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superstitious.

## Easter Holiday.

On Good Friday, 3rd April; Saturday, 4th April; and Easter Monday, 6th April the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

Post Office	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Monday 6th
General Post Office	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kowloon Branch	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-noon	8 a.m.-noon
Sheungwan Branch	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
AND			
Saiyingpun Branch	6 p.m.-7 p.m.	6 p.m.-7 p.m.	6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wharfedale			
Yaumatei	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-9 a.m.	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
Shamshuipo			
Kowloon City			

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

## MAIL NOTICE.

The rates for radiotelegrams to AMOY and FOOCHOW are now:—

Foreign & Code 30 cents per word.

Plain Chinese 15 " " "

Press (Foreign) 7 1/2 " " "

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## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Amoy	Santhia	April 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	April 3.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 14th March)	Coblenz	April 3.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 16th March)	Fushimi Maru	April 3.
Europe via Negapatam, (letters and papers, London 5th March)	Hakusan Maru	April 3.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sui Yang	April 4.
Manila	Pres. Taft	April 4.
Java	Tjibodas	April 4.
Australia and Manila	Nellora	April 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 6th March)	Pres. Polk	April 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 18th March)	Pres. McKinley	April 6.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 21st March)	Pres. Jefferson	April 10.
Manila	Shinyo Maru	April 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th March)	Pres. Adams	April 18.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. 28th March)	Emps. of Canada	April 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 27th March)	Pres. Grant	April 20.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangae	Thurs., Apr. 2, 8 p.m.
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	Chonan	Thurs., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Francconia	Thurs., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emps. of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara	Thurs., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
"Straits and Calcutta"	Burma Maru	Thurs., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Hallador	Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Saigon	Halvard	Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Fri., Apr. 3, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Santhia	Sat., Apr. 4.
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**WOMEN'S WORLD**

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

**FASHION NOTES.**

**Clothes for Full  
Figures.**

Clothes are easier to wear this year. The one criticism seems to be that it is still difficult for the older woman to find clothes for herself. But Paris always finds models that are admirably adapted to the mature woman. The fuller figure has always interested the Paris dressmaker, and she designs constantly with it in her mind. With a cleverly chosen corset, the waistline, perhaps, dropped to the hip-bone, with draperies and the slenderising vogue of black, it seems that the older woman has much to aid her this year.

The pelum, cunningly placed, will suit her, the straight jumper blouse, split at the sides to allow the belt to appear in front only, is a blessing to her.

Longer skirts, the permitted total absence of belt, the bloused back, the brimmed hat, the added sleeve importance, which takes away from the bulk of the figure by making it look contrastingly unimportant, the softness of lace-trimmed on black afternoon frocks; all these "leads" should hold many hints to the older woman.

The dress designer works for little girls just as she does for the mature woman with much care and desire to please. The colours chiefly in vogue for children's frocks are, at present, red and green, which have a great variety of tints calculated to show off youthful grace to the best advantage.

**For Morning Wear.**



A smart dress for every day wear is expressed in navy-blue. The bodice, belted at normal, extends over the hips like a shaped yoke, and is prettily trimmed with feta and deep cuffs of beige and navy spotted crepe de chine.

**A Smart Suit.**



A two-piece suit in fine navy-blue cloth is made with a skirt pleated in groups all round, and a flared cut-away coat, fastened by a narrow belt. The blouse is pale yellow satin.

**WHAT WOMEN  
DON'T KNOW.**

[By a Mere Man.]

Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, women have considered themselves misunderstood. They have not found out yet that we understand them much better than they do us.

If such a thing is suggested they dismiss it as nonsense. "Of course, I understand men," they say, "the poor dears are positively transparent." That, however, is where they make their biggest mistake.

A woman is, usually, unable to view a matter from any but her own personal standpoint, and she judges others by what she would do under similar circumstances.

She knows that she is quite incapable of suffering in silence and must refute any statement about herself, with which she does not agree. Because men have never opposed the theory that they are unable to understand a woman, she imagines that silence can mean nothing but consent. It does not occur to her that men do not bother to contradict unless there is something to be gained by doing so.

In this instance there is not. In fact, we know that it is well worth our while to encourage her to think that she can read us like an open book. As nobody, man or woman, likes to feel that they are devoid of hidden depths, it pleases her without hurting us, and we men learned long ago that it pays us to keep our womenfolk happy. Then, it spares us from being too closely scrutinised. Women

**FOR BEAUTIES.**

**Some Intelligence  
Tests.**

Paris has, I see, once again been selecting a "beauty queen."

Whether or not the recently-made suggestion that competing beauties should also have to undergo an intelligence test of a sort was adopted in this case, I do not know but the very fact that it should have been made seems to point to the fact that our ideals of feminine beauty are changing.

More beauty of feature is often enough still over-rated as an asset in the battle of life, so perhaps it is just as well that even the beauty competitions should begin to take account of other qualities that quite definitely enter into the composition of feminine beauty.

Someone has said that brains and beauty make a dangerous combination, but even these may exist together in a woman who leaves others quite cold.

It is not so much cleverness as charm that one must look for in addition to perfection of feature, if we want to find real beauty.—H.M. In Exchange.

are so sure that they know all about us that they do not trouble to see if there is not still a thing or two to learn. In consequence, many of our little bluffs come off.

Lastly, it provides us with a marvellous excuse to cloak our own selfishness. What we do, or do not do, can easily be explained away on the plea that we really did not know what she wanted.

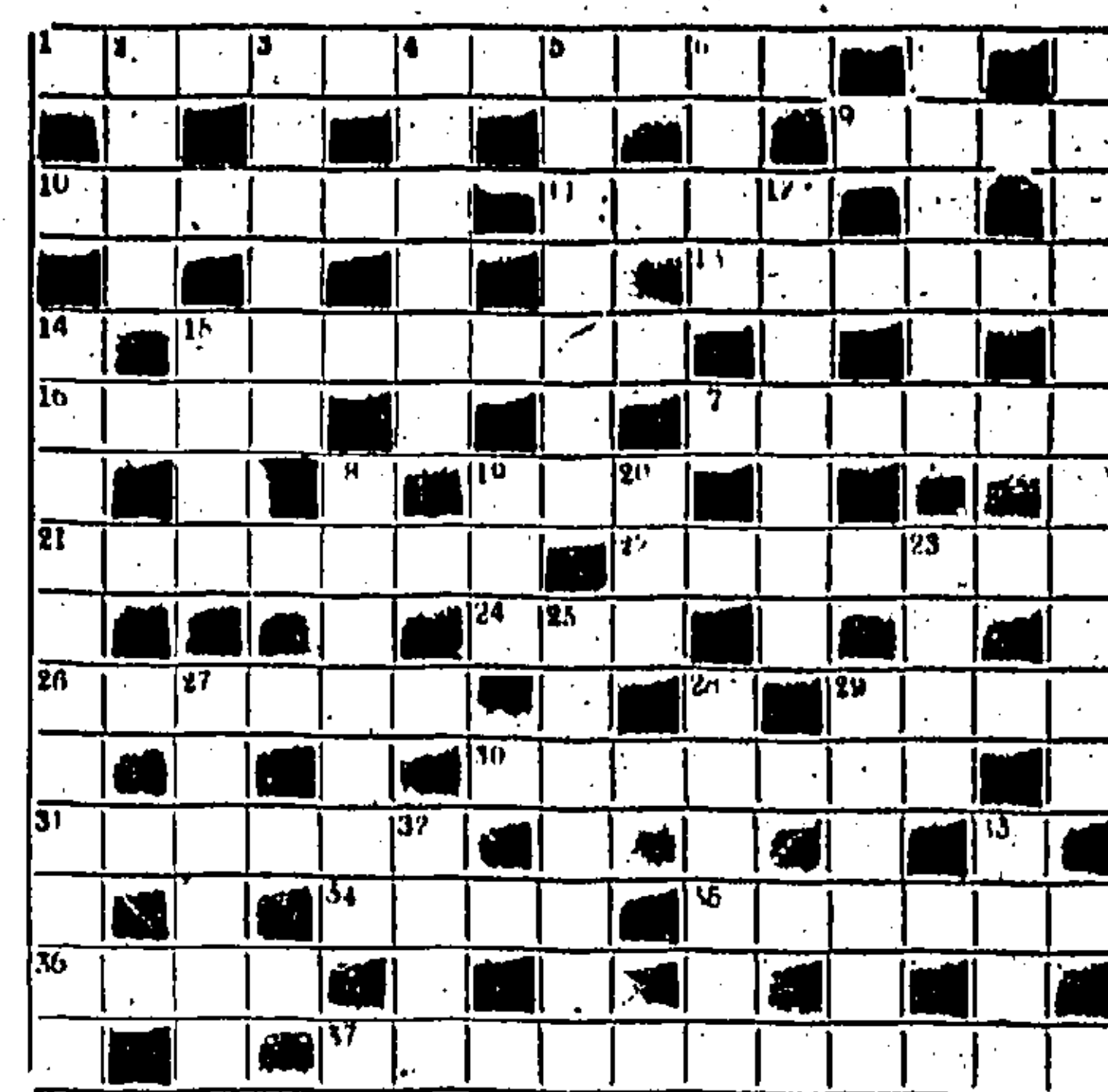
One day women will find us out. Then things will be very different.

**Very Neat.**



A tailored coat-frock in fine grey check cloth has vest, revers and buttonhole of white pique, and is worn with a black hat.

**OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.**



**Across**

- 1 Speaking distinctly in, to a great extent, merely a substitute for a name.
- 9 In conjunction with 34 across, probably the most famous painting in the world.
- 10 "Are you — to the maid you talk of, or no?"—"Taming of the Shrew."
- 11 If you go beyond that mound over there, you will see it (hidden).
- 13 Famous poet whose Christian name was John.
- 15 He cannot sing a duet.
- 16 At the end of every division.
- 17 Although this man sounds leonine, his extremities are quite girlish.
- 19 Hall.
- 21 Reverse the name in front of the goddess of mischief, and proceed.
- 22 A famous lamp polisher.
- 24 Although cheerful enough on a dull day, this is really only half a cheer.
- 26 Surgical instrument.
- 29 Opens in a poetical way.
- 30 The way some husbands may look when their wives the first part for too much money.
- 31 This girl should be modest and skirting.
- 34 See 9 across, and make sail.
- 35 It is inadvisable to see this.
- 36 Pulls ears north of the Tweed.
- 37 Contraction beginning at ten.

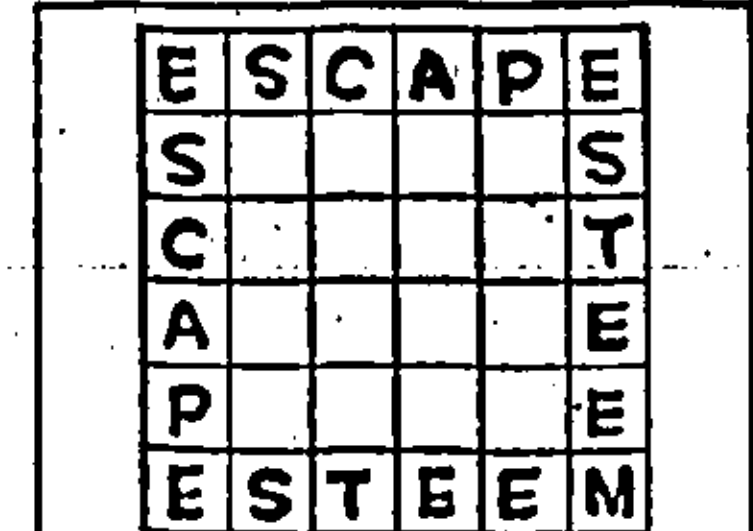
**Down**

- 2 Defeat.
- 3 While this is merely an idea in England, it is sold over the counter all over the United States.
- 4 Pull up.
- 5 A vessel that carries a good sound crew, sir.
- 6 Yorkshire river.
- 7 Describes the 10 across on the dome of St. Paul's.
- 8 What one expects from a saint.
- 12 A number denoting order among others.
- 14 "Yale Strives" very positively (anagram).
- 15 Just about so far though not quite.
- 18 Sweetly seductive to many.
- 19 Spells the end of a door.
- 20 Broken a limb? Ay, Esther, and its painful (hidden).
- 23 Without him there cannot be a swindler.
- 25 Alleviate.
- 26 This should suffice.
- 28 Bavarian town that gave its name to a carriage seldom seen nowadays.
- 29 Hidden from the eye.
- 32 To slope.
- 33 Counter tenor.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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**STICKERS**



Can you complete this word square so that the words will read the same from left to right as from top to bottom?

**Yesterday's Solution**

As each day and night the rat climbed up 11 feet and came down seven, the daily gain was four feet. In 13 days the rat would have climbed 52 feet. On the fourteenth day he would climb 11 feet and be at the top.

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When Day Is Done (Robert Katcher). Soliloquy (Kube Bloom).  
Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra. 35928.  
Symphony in G Minor (Mozart).  
The Royal Opera Orchestra, Conducted by Dr. M. Sargent. 9116.  
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Organ Solo-Andantino (Lemare).  
Edwin H. Lemare. 35848.  
Song-Lo Lucello (The Firefly).  
Song-Vidalita (Williams).  
Toti Dal Monte (Soprano). 12.  
Violin Solo-Under The Leaves, (Thome).  
Renée Chemet. 1202.  
Piano Solo-Tomorrow (Hirsch-Spitanyi-Wilho).  
Jack Shilkret. 21306.  
Song-My Lovely Cella (George Monro).  
Song-All through the Night. (Harold Boulton).  
Reinhold Wernonrath (Baritone). 1448.  
Violin Solo-Oriental Romance (Rimsky-Korskov).  
Violin Solo-Invocation (Elwin Owen-Kreisler).  
Fritz Kreisler. 1209.  
Organ Solo-Fantasia (Mozart).  
Dr. Harold Drake. 25947.  
8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.  
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I Love to hear you singing	
21951—Little Pal (Organ)	Jesse Crawford
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21952—Little Pal	Gene Austin
Why Can't You?	
21953—Why Can't You?	Shikret-Victor Orchestra
Used to you	
21954—Little Pal	Olsen's Music
I'm in Seventh Heaven	
22056—Now I'm in Love	Archie's Orchestra
One Sweet Kiss	
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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1931.

## PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS.

At a moment when the Public Service of this Colony is under consideration by a Retrenchment Committee, more than usual interest attaches to the recommendations of the Shanghai Municipality Salaries Commission as finally approved by the Municipal Council. These have recently been issued in the form of a discursive edition so that the full implication of the decisions may be understood and appreciated by the general public. Already we have given a brief summary of the approved proposals, full details of which now reach us. It is claimed for the decisions reached that they will eliminate considerable "red tape" and achieve greater efficiency at a lesser cost, to say nothing of allaying past dissatisfaction on the part of Municipal employees by basing salary increases on merit instead of making them automatic. This matter of salary increases is worthy of extended notice. For some years past, objections have been raised to the method by which the remuneration of employees was automatically increased on the renewal of agreements, even though they might remain without promotion from the position they originally held. Dealing with this point, the Salaries Commission has graded the entire service, indicating the minima and maxima for any particular position and laying down the rule that increases should be dependent upon the nature of the annual report upon the employee. Under its proposals, reports are to be made each year in regard to the ability, efficiency and energy of every employee, and when increases are due the amount is to be assessed in accordance with these reports. For this purpose, conduct, ability and keenness are to be graded under five headings, namely, "High", which will carry a six per cent. increase; "Average to High", five per cent.; "Average", four per cent.; "Low to Average", nothing; and "Low", which will call for notice of termination of service. In the event of a vacancy occurring in a higher grade, promotion will be made by selection from amongst those having the greatest number of maximum increases to their credit. Should no opportunity for promotion occur after six years in the maximum pay of the grade, a final maximum long

service increase may be granted, provided the proposed recipient has at least two-thirds of the available "High" or "Average to High" increases to his or her credit. It is claimed for this system that it provides a well-defined scale, which should facilitate the consideration of increases and at the same time make sure that respective differences of ability, etc., shall receive due recognition. The idea at the back of this plan is admirable, but whether it will work out according to expectations has yet to be seen.

There are many other points in regard to the conditions of service of Shanghai's municipal employees contained in the final decisions of the Council, such as the abolition of exemption from payment of Municipal rates and licence fees and of free medicines and maternity benefits, but we must pass these over in order to deal with a larger issue, namely, the plans devised to avoid needless routine in administration. It has been discovered as a result of the investigations that the rigid system of control exercised from the Secretariat did not lend itself to the rapidly expanding needs of the community or take into consideration the increasing responsibilities attaching to the positions of heads of senior departments. Much unnecessary routine procedure, duplication of records and segregation of office work, resulting in an unduly large staff and serious delay in the conduct of public business was found to prevail. Decentralisation schemes have now been agreed to giving wider range of authority to heads of departments and securing greater co-ordination between departments. This has been brought about by the establishment of a series of inter-departmental committees, which removes a mass of routine. A reduction of twenty per cent. has been made in the staff, and already marked improvement has occurred in administration work and, in the despatch of public business. Much inter-departmental correspondence and reference has thereby been avoided and a considerable amount of duplication has been removed. It is conceivable that some such reform as this, if put into effect in Hongkong, would be to the obvious benefit of the Colony as a whole. Indeed, the whole report is well worthy of study in connexion with local efforts to secure economy in the public service.

### The Question of the Hour.

Stabilisation, to be or not to be? That is the question, argued almost to the point of exhaustion in the past eighteen months, revived by the appearance of the Currency Mission appointed by the Colonial Office. It is not an exaggeration to say that the answer will be as important to the Colony as will be the answer to the tariff controversy raging in England today; in both cases, the issues are vital to economic prosperity. The parallel stands good also in point of the differing views of the widespread interests involved. Those opposed to stabilisation in the Colony believe that reform would be detrimental to the trade of the Colony. They contend that Hongkong is linked to China, financially as well as geographically, and cannot employ a medium for currency which differs from that of China. The other side point to the fact that silver has dropped in value to a point undreamed of even by the experts, that trade has been demoralised, and that in stability lies our only hope for the future. The arguments employed by the anti-stabilisationists are characterised as the worn-out dictums of past generations, not entirely without justification. The Currency Committee which sat on the question last year began its sessions with an official statement which led to the accusation that the main issue had been prejudged, without examination. No amount of explanation was capable of re-

## DAY BY DAY

MY EXPERIENCE OF LIFE IS THAT THE GREATER THE WEALTH THE WORSE THE DIGESTION.—Max Barling.

To-morrow, being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph.

The rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during March totalled 4.06 inches. This was spread over 13 days.

The Empress of Asia (from Manila) is due here at 7 a.m. on the 7th inst., and will berth at Pier No. 7, Kowloon Wharf.

The Naval authorities notify that firing practice will be carried out with star shells in Mira Bay between 8 and 10 p.m. on April 8. Bombardment practice will also be carried out at Sharp Peak Range during the forenoon of April 9.

Capt. J. Davidson, master of the s.s. Clara Seben, at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., was fined \$100 for arriving in port with pigs in crates, which were not stowed in accordance with the Lifeship Import and Export Ordinance.

Chan Lan was fined \$50 or six weeks' imprisonment and \$75 or six weeks' consecutive on respective charges of having kept a gaming house in 45, Shanghai Street, and possession of 173 po-pu lottery tickets, by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Music-lovers in Hongkong will have their positively last opportunity of hearing music from the other tonight, when at the Star Theatre Professor Marlenot will give his final demonstration of this wonderful invention. The performance, which starts at 9.15 p.m., should on no account be missed.

A case in which a Chinese was charged with snatching a hat from a tourist from the Franconia, named Hunter, who was ashore in the early hours of this morning, was later in the day withdrawn at the Central Police Court, the police informing the Magistrate (Mr. Schofield) that the complainant had probably left on the ship which had sailed. The defendant, who was arrested at Wanchai, was discharged.

moving the belief. The men who should have been the Colony's leaders appeared to have been smitten with an inferiority complex. The pedantry of the old school of thought seemed to be working for negation, until there was excuse for a conviction that the shaking up of our financial system which would follow the fixing of the dollar or the establishment of a gold standard currency would carry advantages to the Colony's commercial and financial organisation other than those directly observable in a stable medium of exchange for monetary purposes. For our part, we believe that if the sense of the whole Colony could be interpreted, it would be found that the belief is strongly held that if we wait for China to do something, we shall be waiting for further losses. To-day we are in a position where we pay for commodities in gold, and receive in silver, which is leading us downhill and is clearly unsound. At the same time, we do not envy the task of Mr. Clegg and his colleagues.

## WE ALL POSE AS CYNICS NOWADAYS.

By A. P. GARLAND.

If some hoary Victorian who had been living in seclusion for the last fifty years were to drop into a London club and listen to a group of us men talking, he would be horrified. For his inevitable conclusion would be: "What a gang of poisonous cynics! They mock at everything. They have no reverence, no illusions, no idealism."

And if he accused us openly of this lapse from grace we should not deny it. We should glory in it, in fact. For it is the end of the day amongst us to show ourselves as all-knowing, sceptical and hard.

How vivid is the contrast between our cynicism and the priggishness that marked the Victorian period! Then, whether a man's standards of morality were high or low, he and always to pretend outwardly to be on the side of the angels. Why, no public man in those days would venture to lay an inoffensive foundation stone without holding forth at great length on duty and the merits of a virtuous life. And his audience expected this dissertation and bore it with fortitude. A hardy race, those Victorians!

To-day we laugh at all that. We do not pay even lip service to virtue or idealism. We know too much about everything. We read, for example, of some wealthy man who has donated a large sum of money to some charitable cause. Promptly we ask one another: "What's the fellow after? Looking for a title, eh? Or trying to get himself in the limelight?" We'll credit him, in fact, with any motive other than altruism.

We are all aware, of course, of countless cases where people do make astounding sacrifices for the sake of others.

At the back of our minds, I think, is a horror of the old-fashioned sentimentality. So eager are we, indeed, to avoid displaying sentiment that we strive to suggest that sentiment has no part in our composition.

Therefore, when some doleful vocalist shuffles along the street nasally intoning a hymn, we eye him scornfully and talk of the large incomes that these impostors earn by their lugubrious appeals.

Yet, impostor or not, the fellow is tolerably sure of a few coppers from most of us, if only we can give them furtively. We don't want the world to think us credulous and glib. This outward cynicism of ours attains its highest point, however, in our attitude towards woman, which in Kipling's phrase is "curious and interesting and vile."

We hard-boiled he-men have no doubt about superiority over the other sex. Women are trivial and unimportant. They are vain, selfish and incapable of "playing the game"—our vague but suggestive deal of conduct. When we say, "Just like a woman," we make it clear that the whole sex is simply impossible.

On the other hand, it would be rather awkward for most of us to answer the question, "Are your own women folk like that?" For we know that these generalisations are cheap and preposterous. But they pass current in our comic philosophy of life and we cling to them.

We also profess to hold a very low opinion of the institute of marriage.

How often does a man say: "I was caught young," suggesting that some unscrupulous woman dragged him off a bus and headed him for the register office before he could appeal for help! Hence we love to depict married men as over-strained at the leash to escape from the bonds in which they have innocently allowed themselves to be entangled.

Yet we know from our experience that marriage as an institution does work, that the vast majority of marriages do turn out reasonably happy, and that if we look around among our friends it is rarely the bachelor whose lot we envy.

At all events, cynicism, though it is mostly a pose, is at the flood tide of its popularity with us now. And it may be truly said that the only occasion on which the modern man blushes is when he is found guilty of a generous action.

Yet there are times when we falter. Even the most brazen amongst us dare not read aloud a story of heroic self-sacrifice, such, for instance, as that of Captain Oates in the Antarctic. We'd simply give the show away.

## MAKING HUSBAND LOOK SMALL.

By L. C. MOORE.

ONE of the first signs that a girl is interested in a man is when she goes out of her way to make him look small.

Endearments, man little or nothing in these enlightened days, when the most casual acquaintance may be addressed as "darling" within the first few minutes. But when a girl says, "But John is so helpless," you can bet your sweet life that in her heart of hearts she thinks John is the greatest ever.

The extraordinary part of the business is that John gets quite a decided kick out of this treatment during the early days.

At that time he is passing through what might be classified as the humble phase. He regards himself as less than the dust beneath her dainty heels, and simply cannot make himself believe that one so wonderful notices his existence. Yet the mere fact that she condescends to be rude to him induces what someone called a sweet pain, because it suggests that she rather likes treading on his particular kind of dust.

### Marriage Gets A Bad Name.

Now this is all very fine while the man enjoys it. I see no reason why the lady shouldn't indulge his morbid tastes to the full. Unfortunately what she seldom realises is that there comes a time when he ceases to enjoy it—when, in fact, he would like to be able to wriggle his head about a bit under her pretty little foot, if not to get it away altogether.

But she has so got into the habit of saying that he is helpless, or clumsy, or inartistic, that by the time he would appreciate a word of praise for a change she has come to believe all she says. And that's how marriage gets a bad name.

Few wives are able to resist the temptation to make their husbands look small in the presence of other males. And when I am one of the other males I cannot but feel sorry for the husband. I know always that were I in the husband's shoes I should have resented her remarks; I never enjoy the experience as it is. Fellow feeling, I suppose.

You will find this going on, in one way or another, between most couples.

Sometimes, I admit, the wife's attitude may be justified, but that does not excuse her for continually adopting it when other people are present. Indeed, when her disparaging comments are deserved they make the man shrivel more than ever.

If he has a voice that is not richly beautiful he is probably sore about it anyway, and isn't cheered if his wife says: "Oh, for goodness sake, stop it!" when he starts to join in a madrigal or talk to them-selves.

In acute cases the wife will profess complete contempt for her husband's business abilities, even though she isn't at all sure what he does to get the money she spends for him.

So widespread is this weakness among wives that we are driven to the conclusion that to belittle the men they love is part of their nature. That must be the explanation, for were it not so they would surely draw the line at commenting on personal appearance. That they do not, any husband will tell you.

### Agency of Personalities.

Is there a married man living who hasn't suffered from the agency of being told that he really does look good? (Continued on Page 7.)



"I'm expecting a good year. I mentioned to the dealer that the boss might want some new cars if I bring up the idea."



TWO KIDNAPPERS  
CAUGHT.CHILD RECOVERED AT  
SHUM CHUN.

## EXCELLENT WORK.

A very smart piece of work, resulting in the apprehension of two kidnappers and the recovery of their victim, was described by Detective Sergeant R. J. Clark before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning when he charged two men with depriving the boy's parents of the custody of their child.

Both defendants admitted the charge.

On March 18, said Detective Sergeant Clark, the boy's mother went to No. 7 Police Station and reported that the child had been missing since 2.30 p.m. A description of the boy was circulated and a photograph deposited with the police. Two days later, a friend of the family went to Shum Chun to circulate a photograph of his own nephew who had been kidnapped and at the same time he took with him the photograph of the boy in question.

On making enquiries at Shum Chun, this man was informed that the police had two men and a boy who was believed to have been kidnapped from Hongkong. After seeing the child, the man sent a letter to the boy's parents who subsequently requested the Chinese authorities to return him to them. The boy was sent back to Hongkong two days ago and the two prisoners arrived yesterday.

In reply to his Worship, who asked how the boy was kidnapped, the prosecuting officer said the first defendant had lost a lot of money in gambling and a few days before the morning of March 18 he met the second defendant, from whom he asked the loan of \$80 or if the second defendant could tell him of anybody willing to lend him the money. The second defendant took the first to his uncle, but the relative was out, and the two then decided to purchase some cooked meat in Second Street.

Whilst at a stall, they saw the small boy and offered him some of their cooked meat. They then suggested that he should accompany them on a tram ride and the second defendant took him to Kowloon, the first defendant following by the next ferry. After pawing two jackets, the defendant took the boy by train to Shum Chun where they engaged a room at a boarding house.

Continuing, the officer said it appeared that the Chinese police in Shum Chun visited the boarding houses each night to see what visitors were there. The mistress of the boarding house, in which the defendants had taken a room, informed the police that she had two men who had aroused her suspicions and that they had a small boy with them. The entire party were taken to the Police Station and kept there for enquiries. It was then that the man from Hongkong arrived on the scene and identified the boy.

Each defendant was given nine months' hard labour with twenty strokes of the birch, with a further three months' imprisonment if unfit for birching.

SHAMEEN ORGAN  
RECITAL.DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME  
PROVIDED.

An organ recital was given at Christ Church, Shameen, yesterday evening, when a programme of delightful music was presented to a large gathering of Shameen residents and visitors. Mr. V. P. Waters at the organ was ably assisted by Mrs. P. Younghusband (soprano) and Mr. B. E. Foster-Hall (baritone). During a short interval an offertory was taken in aid of Church funds. The full programme was as follows:

Lord God of Abraham from Elijah.  
Mr. B. E. Foster-Hall.  
Andantino.  
How Lovely are Thy Dwelling-places, S. Little.  
Mrs. P. Younghusband.  
Prelude and Duet, 2nd Sonata Mendelssohn.  
To a Wild Rose McDowell.  
Homage Teresa del Riego.  
Mr. B. E. Foster-Hall.  
Impressions du Soir Steinhil.  
Down Here May H. Brahe.  
Mrs. P. Younghusband.  
Preludium Rheinberger.

The meeting of the English Association announced for Tuesday, April 7, has had to be postponed. Mr. Fenwick is indisposed. Mr. Fenwick was to have lectured on "F. W. H. Myers". As F. W. H. Myers was an author and scholar whose works are of great interest, but not very well known, members of the English Association will look forward to the fixing of another date for this lecture. An announcement will be made in due course.

TWELVE MONTHS OF  
WEATHER.ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE  
OBSERVATORY.

## INTERESTING SURVEY.

An interesting analysis of Hongkong's weather experiences last year, revealing comparative immunity from gales, unusually cold weather early in the year, and the fact that a waterspout was observed in September, is contained in the annual report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, issued today.

The principal features of the weather in 1930 were:

- (a) A typhoon which passed about 50 miles to the S. W. of Hongkong in the evening of July 24 on a N. N. W. track, producing a strong gale at Hongkong.
- (b) Abnormally low barometer in July.
- (c) Abnormally low temperature in January.
- (d) Abnormally low humidity in March.
- (e) Abnormally high pressure, heavy rain, high wind velocity, with moderately low temperature, in September.

The temperature was very considerably below normal (the lowest or record) in January, considerably above in April, moderately above in February, May, November and December, and moderately below in September. The mean temperature for the year was 72° 4, as against 72° 6 in 1926 and 71° 9 for the past 47 years. The highest temperature was 92° 9 at 04.40 p.m. on July 1, as against 92° 2 in 1929 and 97° 0 for the past 47 years. The lowest temperature was 41° 2 at 7.10 a.m. on January 8, as against 44° 4 in 1929 and 32° 0 for the past 47 years.

Rainfall.  
The total rainfall for the year was 96.08 inches, as against 69.82 inches in 1929 and 85.61 inches for the past 47 years. From October 1 to the end of the year only 1.33 inch of rain fell.

Heavy rain in September, to the extent of 28.24 inches, probably saved the Colony from another water famine. There was a considerable shortage from April to June and in August. The greatest fall in one civil day was 7.96 inches on September 17, as against 7.15 inches in 1929 and 21.02 inches for the past 47 years. The greatest fall in one hour was 2.36 inches between 8.5 h. and 9.5 h. a.m. on August 9, as against 2.73 inch in 1929 and 3.96 inches for the past 47 years.

The Botanical Gardens registered 103.73 inches during the year. The wind velocity was considerably below normal from January to March and also in August and October. It was moderately above in September. The mean velocity for the year was 10.9 m.p.h., as against 11.6 m.p.h. in 1929 and 12.4 m.p.h. for the past 47 years. The maximum velocity for one hour was 66 m.p.h., as against 89 m.p.h. in 1929 and the record of 103 m.p.h. The maximum gust velocity was 83 m.p.h. at 9.23 p.m. on July 24 as against 117 m.p.h. in 1929 and the record of 139 m.p.h.

Water Spout.  
A water spout occurred at Cape d'Aguilar on September 29, after a typhoon had passed about 200 miles south and west of Hongkong. A report on the phenomenon, furnished by the officer in charge of the station (Mr. J. Key) was forwarded to the Editor of the Meteorological Magazine, London.

Red typhoon signals were hoisted on five occasions for a total of 88 hours, and black signals on three occasions for a total of 37 hours.

320 earthquakes were recorded during the year as against 252 in 1929.

## BOAT TRAIN MURDER.

REPORTED CONFESSION OF  
ARRESTED ALGERIAN.

Brussels, March 1.  
The post-mortem examination on Mr. Victor Schwartz, the 27-year-old Hungarian salesman, employed by a London firm, who was attacked in a train and thrown on the track at Barloz, near Liege, showed that while sleeping he received five blows delivered with a hammer. It is alleged, by an Algerian, Bel Ahmed Moulay, aged 23. He was alive when thrown on the track, where his leg was cut off by a passing train.

Bel Ahmed Moulay has confessed to the murder. It is stated, and in addition admitted to being the assailant in a similar attack on the same train on February 8 last, when a Dutch business man going to Liege narrowly escaped death.

Mr. Schwartz, who was travelling from London to Leipzig, had 150 francs on him and a cheque for \$400 which the murderer failed to discover.

When cross-examined the Algerian simulated a fit of epilepsy, and tried to commit suicide.

YOURA GULLER'S  
RECITAL.ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME  
ARRANGED.

At her recital at the Helena May Institute next Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. Miss Youra Guller will play, firstly, a group of eighteenth-century pieces by German, Spanish and Italian composers of that time. Her second group is a Chopin one, including a Waltz, a Prelude, a Study and above all, the great Ballade in F. Minor. The last part of the programme is devoted to modern Spanish works of Granados, de Falla and Albeniz.

Miss Guller's critiques in the various world capitals bear witness to her genius both as a musician and a pianist. According to the London Times, Miss Guller "by her interpretation raised herself to a height where musical feeling is allied to genius." The Pall Mall Globe declared that Youra Guller proved by her interpretations that she equaled in magnetic power the greatest masters of the keyboard. In Paris, Daniel Lazarus in Le Figaro Musical wrote: "Youra Guller is one of the most prodigious artists that it is possible to hear at the present time, and the Hour of Music said: 'The listener feels at once that he is in the presence of a master.'"

In Berlin and Vienna, she has received enthusiastic tributes from the critic Adolf Weismann, and in such papers as the Lokal Anzeiger, the Weltblatt Wien, the Neues Wiener Tageblatt and Der Tag. In Budapest, the Pester Lloyd declared: "It is necessary to have heard Youra Guller to get a true idea of what the Art of the Piano really means. Her technique is surprising, but still more surprising is the manner in which that technique becomes idealized in enchanting beauty." The Ujras even

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART  
SUPPLEMENT.Interesting Pictures on  
Saturday.

Saturday's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will, as usual, contain many interesting pictures of current events. Sporting fixtures illustrated will include the athletic meetings of the Artyll and Sutherland Highlanders and of King's College, whilst there will also be a group of Hongkong University athletes who won in the recent Inter-Varsity contests.

The annual inspection of the Police Force by H.E. the Governor will be illustrated. Another photo will show the players in the recent Sim Shield hockey match between the Club and the Navy, whilst the Fanning Hunt meeting will also be the subject of illustration.

As to the art supplement, we went so far as to say: "We recognised in her a very great artist, perhaps the greatest artist of the future."

The XXe. Siecle of Brussels wrote: "What a beautiful and noble artist, as much on account of her incomparable virtuosity as for her inspired interpretation."

Miss Guller gave her last recital in the Grand Opera House at Manila; in Hongkong she proposed to engage the Theatre Royal. However, on the suggestion of the Musical Society, that she should avail herself of the newly-granted permission to use the hall at the Helena May Institute, she agreed to play there, and the public, will have an opportunity of hearing this celebrated pianist at the popular prices of \$4.40 and \$3.30 on Tuesday. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary of the Institute.

## MORALITY IN SERBIA.

POLICE EDICT TO ERRING  
COUPLES.

The local police in Novi Sad are much perturbed by the fact that 6,000 of its 80,000 inhabitants are living outside the marriage bond, and has issued an order that all such relations must cease or be regularised by matrimony within three months.

It is thought that most of these irregularly united pairs are Hungarians and Slovaks, who in the case of non-compliance with the regulations will be asked to leave the country, but it will be interesting to note what steps the authorities will take against erring Serbian couples, if any such exist, after the notice has expired.

Karachi, Apr. 1.  
Fifteen members of the Congress elected as a "cabinet" by the All-India Congress committee include Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Mrs. Naidu with Vallabhai Patel as president. They are likely to represent the Congress at the new Round Table Conference. Reader.

RUBBER ROADS IN  
REGION  
OF HOSPITALS.RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
GOVERNMENT.

## PRICE COLLAPSE.

London, Apr. 1.  
In the House of Commons today, Mr. Graham White asked the Minister of Transport, in view of the low price of rubber, to recommend that roadways near urban hospitals should be covered with a rubber surface.

Mr. Herbert Morrison replied that the cost of rubber paving-blocks was still relatively high. He expressed the opinion that the local authorities were the best judges in the matter. Reader.

London, Apr. 1.  
Rubber fell today to 3 3/4d a pound on the London Exchange. This is a low record. The average price last year was 5.5/16d, per pound and for 1929 it was 10 1/4d.

Excessive stocks, the absence of sufficient demand and continued depression in New York are the principal causes of the further fall. To-day's drop was 1/4d.—British Wireless.

IMPRISONMENT FOR  
DEBT.TWO JUDGES SHOCKED BY  
NUMBERS.

London, Mar. 1.  
Two very human Judges spoke at London Guildhall yesterday—Mr. Justice Rigny Swift, ruddy, jovial, and Judge Shewell Cooper, aquiline, scholarly.

Both were appalled by the fact that last year 2,419 people were imprisoned in Brixton Gaol for debt.

The occasion was the meeting of the Brixton Prison (Discharged Prisoners) Aid Society. "I am shocked," said Mr. Justice Swift, "Shades of Charles Dickens! I thought that had gone years ago."

He knew that contumacious persons who could pay and would not were sometimes imprisoned. "It is quite obvious," he added, "that my preconceived notions were misconceived or else a great many people are imprisoned whom the law never intended should be."

Judge Cooper said they all knew that imprisonment in the Marshalsea, as described by Dickens, was abolished in the sixties. To-day men could only be imprisoned when they were able to but would not pay their debts.

He himself made something like 300 committal orders on judgment summonses every Friday.

"But," he went on, "when my bailiff arrests any man to take him to Brixton I have the man brought to me. I do not know whether I have power to do that, and I do not care."

"Variably the man has some unfortunate story to tell and there is a consultation with the creditor and debtor. Except in the case of a few recalcitrant people, no one ever goes to Brixton from the City of London Court."

Great Changes.  
"Believe me," said Mr. Justice Swift, "there is no pleasure in sending men to prison. I spend the greater part of my time in devising means of keeping them out."

"Wonderful changes have been made since I was at the Junior Bar. Nowadays men get 12 months to five years for offences that in my youth were punished with 10 or 14 years' penal servitude."

"The law is not now only an avenging sword. It is still very sharp, but those who wield it have been tamed during the last 30 years that there are other things to be done than blasting a man body and soul for the rest of his career."

"Do not let anybody think, however, that there is maudlin sentimentality surrounding the criminal to-day. There is no false sentiment in the proper treatment of fire offenders."

After paying a high tribute to the Society's work he proceeded to put himself in the prisoner's place. "Prisoners," he said, "come out marked men the dregs of the labour market. Just imagine yourself emerging at 7 a.m. from Brixton Prison. Suppose you have done 12 months. The only news you have probably had is that your home is broken up, your wife gone away."

"How are you going to find a living? The easiest, the most obvious, and the most congenial way in many cases is to go back to the same sort of crime as before."

The help of the Society, he added prevented many from doing so.

LAND OFFICER'S  
REPORT.HUGE INCREASE SHOWN IN  
CROWN LEASES.

## OTHER FEATURES.

A feature of the annual report of the Land Officer, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, for 1930, is the big increase in the number of Crown leases issued. These totalled 874, as against 242 in the previous year. At no time during the past ten years has anything like this total been recorded, the highest hitherto being 250 in 1923.

The total Crown rents amounted to \$625,185.21, being an increase of \$18,888.04 over 1929.

The total number of instruments registered during the year was 5,617, these being on sales, mortgages, surrenders and miscellaneous land transactions. The total consideration involved was \$130,068,744.19.

The total area of land leased during the year under review was 632 acres and 5.9/10 poles, of which 458 acres, 1/10 and 23 poles were dealt with by the District Officers.

Seventy-four Surrenders of land required for public purposes (including surrenders under contracts of exchange) were prepared and registered in the Land Office, the total consideration for those required for public purposes amounting to \$1,145,705.50.

The total amount of fees collected (exclusive of the New Territories) amounted to \$116,864.76 being an increase of \$40,724.25 on the preceding year. Land Registration Fees in the New Territories amounted to \$7,610.30 and Crown Lease Fees to \$90.00.

Stamp Duties paid on registered documents (exclusive of Probates and Letters of Administration) amounted to \$669,124.15.

Stamp Duties on Probates and Letters of Administration registered amounted to \$509,316.20.

MAKING HUSBAND  
LOOK SMALL.

(Continued from Page 6.)

priceless in dress clothes? Or that his nose is a funny shape?

Woman has undoubtedly made wonderful strides during the last few years, but in spite of that she is still very primitive at heart, and her greatest joy still comes from the wonderful feeling that she has actually secured a man for her very own.

In order to enjoy this rapture to the full extent, however, she must be able to get the last ounces of credit for her achievement. She must make it perfectly plain to her rivals (i.e., to all other women) that the man is hers, and the most effective way of doing this is to seize every opportunity of treating him with contempt in their presence.

Then when a wife belittles her husband it probably means that she really thinks a whole lot of him, and is so anxious to keep him that she adopts these methods of warning other women off.

Of course, it may mean that knowing him, she is just taking steps to prevent him getting too much of a swelled head. But somehow I prefer the former theory; it is so much more comforting.

## FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR GOOD  
FRIDAY.

- 9.20 A. B. Stewart & D. L. Newbiggin.  
9.24 A. D. Copplin & G. R. Horridge.  
9.28 Comdr. Hole & A. Ritchie.  
9.32 P. S. Grant & R. H. Dowler.  
9.36 G. Sellar & J. Stuart.  
9.40 A. D. Humphreys & T. S. Whyte-Smith.  
9.44 D. G. Bruce & D. S. Robb.  
9.48 F. Groves & L. C. Grover.  
9.52 A. W. Hay Edle & C. Clippingdale.  
9.56 E. Davidson & J. D. Humphreys.  
10.00 N. S. Ellis & G. T. May.  
10.04 R. C. Law & J. R. Hinton.  
10.08 R. H. Wild & C. Bulmer Johnson.  
10.12 V. R. Gordon & J. R. Collis.  
10.16 Comdr. Priestley & J. J. French.  
10.20 B. L. Stock & D. B. Evans.  
10.24 L. R. Andrews & A. B. Raworth.  
10.28 G. H. Burton & H. R. Remington.  
10.32 H. U. Ireland & A. T. Lay.  
10.36 A. Sommerfeldt & D. J. Gilmore.  
10.40 A. H. Penn & A. C. I. Bowker.  
10.44 O. A. Leiper & F. Black.  
10.48 F. H. Crappell & H. H. Williams.  
10.52 G. Humphrey & G. R. H. Robertson.  
10.56 E. J. Munroe & J. B. Langton.  
11.00 H. S. V. Mossop & F. C. Young.  
11.04 A. Leach & J. C. Campbell.  
11.08 W. C. Shields & N. K. Littlejohn.  
11.12 J. A. R. Duncan & G. Thomson.  
11.16 W. B. Harris & S. J. H. Fox.



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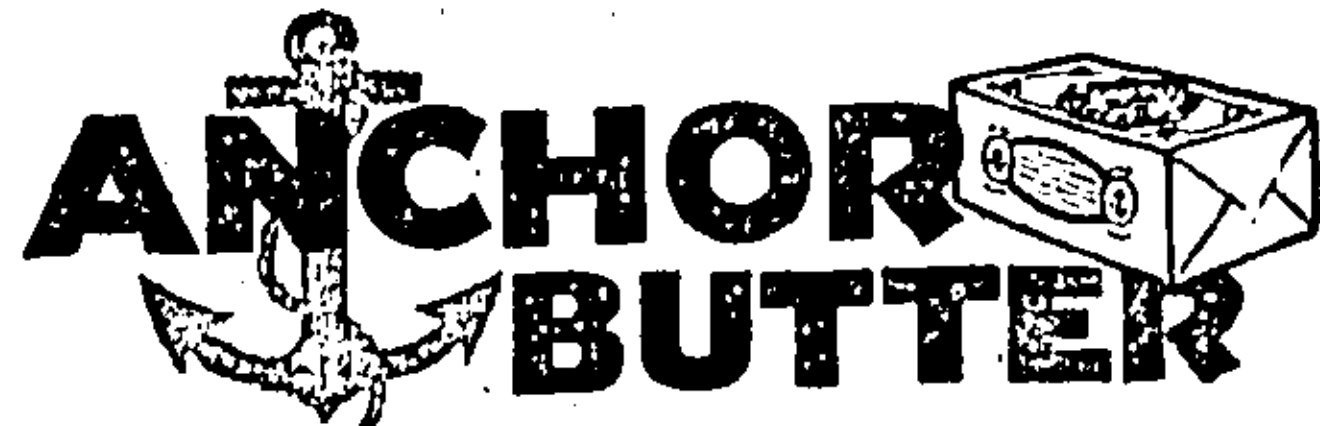
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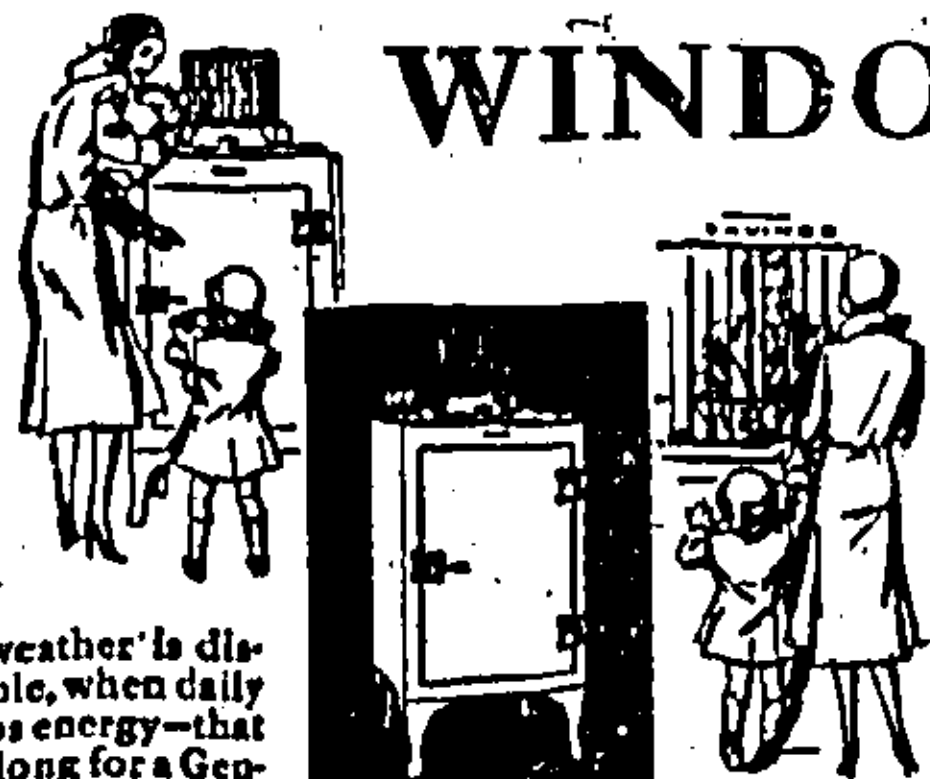
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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

M. W. LO QUALIFIES TO MEET FINCHER.

By defeating A. L. Sullivan by 6-4, 6-1, yesterday, M. W. Lo qualified to meet E. C. Fincher in the semi-final of the singles tennis championship, which match, it is anticipated, will take place during the latter part of next week.

Lo played the waiting game to perfection against Sullivan, and by so doing lured the Englishman into committing a large number of errors. The loser attempted to force the pace, but had not sufficient control over his strokes to make the tactics successful. His tentative and not too confident net approaches also provided ample scope for Lo's clever passing shots, and generally speaking, Sullivan was outplayed. The most prominent feature of his play was his service, and he utilised this to such good effect in the first set, that it earned for him four games. But this subsequently lost its sting, and Lo, producing counter strokes, which were the model of correctness, took the second set and match with ease.

Lo's present form has made a "come-back" pass beyond the realms of possibility, and his semi-final tie with Fincher should produce some exhilarating tennis. Results:

## Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat A. L. Sullivan 6-4, 6-1.

## Mixed Doubles.

W. M. Barton and Miss Hallifax (rec. 2/6) beat F. V. Jensen and Miss Larsson (rec. 1/5) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. T. J. Price and Miss Jones (rec.) beat C. E. R. Clarendon and Miss P. Brown (rec. 3/6) 6-2, 7-5.

R. Stock and Miss A. E. Lang (rec.) w.o. from L. T. Ride and Miss Rudge (owe 3/6). G. R. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer (owe 1/6) w.o. from O. E. C. Marton and Miss W. Ferguson (owe 4/6). Mr. and Mrs. Wood (rec. 3/6) w.o. from Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine (rec.).

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

## Open Doubles.

Fincher brothers v Ng and Tsai. Kong and Lee v Lo and Ju. Handon and Akiyama v Sullivan and Goldman.

## Handicap Singles "A."

Robinson v Forster. Anderson v Bowker. Owen Hughes v Evans. Wild v Waring.

## Handicap Singles "B."

Ainger v Jensen.

## KOWLOON GOLF.

## MATCH WITH VALLEY TEAM TO-MORROW.

Kowloon and Happy Valley golf teams are to meet at the Kowloon Golf Course to-morrow. Singles will be played in the morning and four-omes in the afternoon. Starting times have been reserved between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. The following are the teams and starting times, the Kowloon players being mentioned first.

9.00 D. C. Wilson (Captain) v K. S. Robertson (Captain).  
9.05 J. Mackintosh v H. Hampton.  
9.10 W. Paterson v A. O. Brown.  
9.15 H. Overy v H. M. McTavish.  
9.20 A. Eastman v H. H. Mundy.  
9.25 H. Ringshaw v A. E. Clark.  
9.30 G. H. Russell v G. W. McLeod.  
9.35 J. Pooler v W. M. Smith.  
9.40 H. T. Buxton v H. T. Brooks.  
9.45 P. Plummer v C. E. Chalmers.  
9.50 W. Woolley v S. Stacey.  
9.55 W. Stoker v L. E. Longbottom.  
10.00 E. J. Johnson v F. E. Booker.  
10.05 A. Laughton v J. Shepherd.  
10.10 J. King v A. W. White.  
10.15 W. G. Trice v P. Morrison.  
10.20 J. Meyer v R. S. W. Peterson.  
10.25 Dr. Cogan v C. B. Robertson.

## E. D. ANDREWS DUE THIS MONTH.

## FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYER TO GIVE EXHIBITIONS.

That Hongkong is certain to have the privilege of seeing Mr. E. D. Andrews, the well-known English international tennis player in action on local courts before the end of this month, was stated yesterday by the Hon. Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association, who is in receipt of a cable from Singapore, to the effect that Andrews will be paying a visit to Hongkong in a few weeks. He will leave Singapore on board the P. and O. s.s. Comorin on April 18, following a hasty visit to Java and Siam, and is expected to reach Hongkong on the 23rd.

Mr. C. P. F. James, Hon. Secretary of the local Association, has already started plans for a reception and the staging of exhibition matches, which will, if events turn out as promised, be one of the most ambitious programmes attempted in local display tennis.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held on April 18, at the Helena May Institute. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., and the public meeting will begin at 5.15.

## CINEMA NOTES.

GERTRUDE SHORT IN "GOLD DIGGERS."

Gertrude Short, the vivacious and petite singer and screen actress, the only daughter of a theatrical family, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Before she was a month old her parents were again touring the country.

She made her stage debut when five years old, appearing before the footlights in "The Story of the Golden Pheasant" at the Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco. She later played in "Upstairs and Down" and "A Man's World" for the Shuberts.

She had her first motion picture experience at the age of seven in one of Miss Simon's early productions, "Joe's Picnic", which was filmed in the Bronx.

Other pictures are the silent version of "The Gold Diggers", "The Show", "Holly of the Movies", "Hunkle Drummond", "Woman's War", and "The Telephone Girl" series.

Gertrude Short has the colourful role of Topsy in "Gold Diggers of Broadway", Warner Bros., all-singing, all-dancing Vitaphone special in the Technicolor now at the Queen's Theatre.

Short in true to her name, being but five feet one inch tall. She weighs one hundred and three pounds and has blonde hair and blue eyes. She is the wife of Scott Pembroke, motion picture director.

## Johnson "Say It With Songs."

The gnat, built by Warner Brothers for the screen sequences of Al Johnson's spectacular all-singing, all-dancing Vitaphone hit, "Say It With Songs"—coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday—is one of the most interesting acts ever constructed on a sound stage.

A whole section of Sing Sing was dedicated to including tiers of cells comprising nearly a whole wing of a prison, a great dining room seating hundreds of prisoners and affording a broadcasting room and a room where families of prisoners may visit under guard.

Each of these rooms connects with others, making a typical prison unit, all within one great sound stage and all arranged for Vitaphone recording as well as silent pictures. The set was designed from blue of the famous New York prison plans, and after several members of the crew had journeyed to Sun Quentin to look over the interior of a prison first hand.

Only a small part of the new Johnson story deals with prison life but the star and his director were determined that the prison sequences should be authentic.

"Say It With Songs" is from a story by Darryl Francis Zanuck and Harvey Gates. Joseph Jackson did the talking scenario and Lloyd Bacon directed. The cast includes Davey Lee, Marian Nixon, Holmes Herbert, Kenneth Thomson and Fred Kohler.

## Colman Reveals his Real Self.

Ronald Colman's screen personality is a reflection of himself as he is in private life. Never one for flamboyant colours or flashy clothes, his friends know him to be quiet, retiring in manner and primarily concerned with his home and a few close friends.

Tradition has painted the star of "Raffles" which comes to the World Theatre on Saturday as being modest and reticent, and for once, fact has justified a belief. The conventional C. Man garb of recent pictures has been sport or cover clothes. The uniforms and costumes in which he attired prior to the advent of the talkies the star found quite unappealing.

Rough tweeds, usually herringbone, are his favourites for street wear in a picture. A white soft shirt with a plain black tie was the unvarying supplement to this apparel. Hollywood neighbours know him best in plain sack suits of blue, sometimes worsted, serge or flannel, but four out of five days, blue. To go with this Colman generally selected a white shirt, but either a gift white collar or, more frequently, a soft one. Here the black tie gives way to a striped one. Striped regimental colours and Scottish plaids comes in for play because they are decorative and quiet.

## Gloria gives "Frenchies" Chance.

French speaking types among the extras and bit players of Hollywood found the production of Gloria Swanson's new United Artists comedy offering, "What a Widow", a veritable windfall of opportunity.

Of the six or seven hundred extras employed in various sequences of the picture, a large number were required to speak French or other continental tongues because a major portion of the story is laid in Paris. The Parisian background also necessitated a great deal of research to speak French or other continental tongues because a major portion of the story is laid in Paris.

"What a Widow", which has been booked for showing on Saturday at the Star Theatre, was directed by Allan Dwan. Miss Swanson's supporting cast includes Owen Moore, Lew Cody, Margaret Livingston, Gregory Gaye, Herbert Braggott, Adrienne D'Amicourt, Nella Walker, Daphne Pollard and William Holden.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 1st, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.5/10d.

Great interest was centred in the wedding, at St. John's Cathedral, of Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Miss Agnes Catharine Chatham. The bridemaids were the Misses Ethel and Gail Hutton Potts and Miss Angel Ormiston, whilst Mr. R. O. Hutchinson was "best man."

Mr. G. Balloch was elected Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. R. G. Sheehan Deputy Chairman.

In the final of the Hongkong Football Shield, the Buffs defeated the Naval Yard by four goals to one.

Captain Thomas Skinner resigned his commission in the Volunteer Corps.

Among the passengers leaving the Colony yesterday on the Empress of Japan were Mr. and Mrs. Costello and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. D. Davies.

excellently supported by Mr. Alf Goddard in the part of Bill, his pal. Mr. Goddard has all the attributes of a true comedian and the two characters handle the witty dialogue with a natural humour. The latter is sometimes extravagant to absurdity and at others shows a certain light subtlety.

The other characters are all well-acted and the cast is an unusually strong one. Miss Nora Swinburne, is very natural, and Mr. Humbertson Wright acts the officer with great ease. Mr. Cyril McLaglen is the gentle of the magic button.

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## LADIES AT GOLF.

## RESULTS OF FINALS OF THIS YEAR'S GAMES.

Members of the Ladies Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club recently competed in the final stages of several events played during the year. Mrs. Newbigging won the Subscribers' Prize for the Old Course after a tie with Mrs. Keary, and Mrs.

Langston won the Subscribers' Prize on the New Course. Mrs. Roffey and Mrs. Langston tied in the Medal Pool held during February and March on the New Course with 71 net. Mrs. Cassidy's Prize was won by Mrs. R. Gordon with 103 (36) 67. Mrs. Langston qualified for the Captain's Cup for March with 101 (30) 71, and Mrs. Whyte-Smith won the Medal Pool, on the Old Course during February and March with 91 (18) 78.

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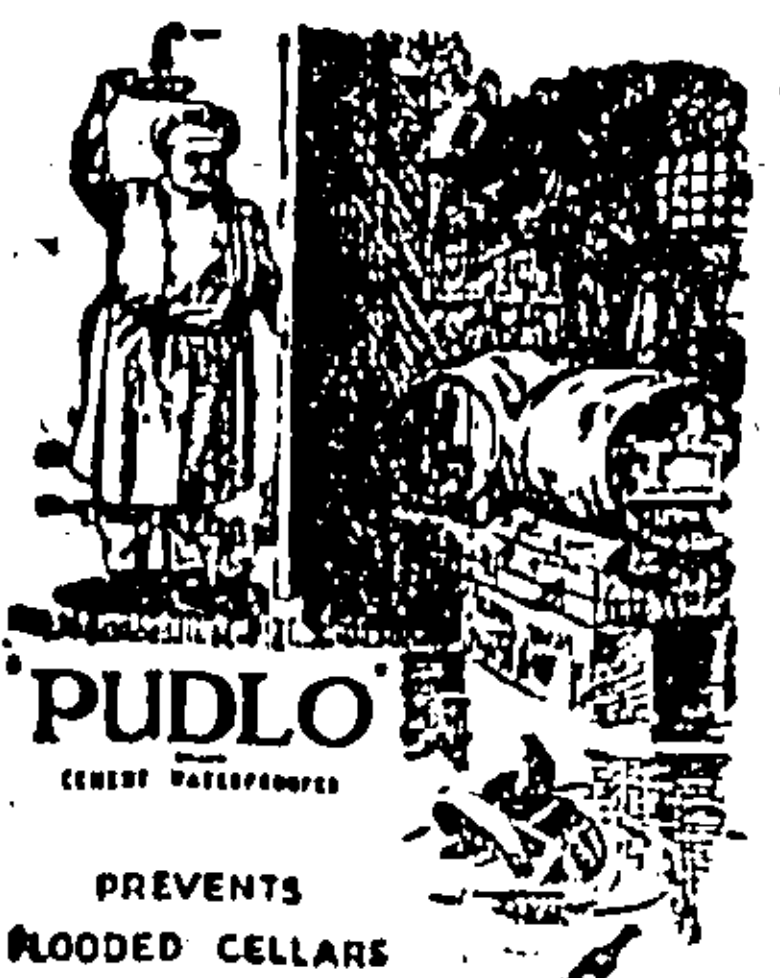
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## For Ginger's Sake.

By ETHEL HUESTON.

## BEGIN HERE TODAY.

To keep life from growing too dull in Red Thrush, Iowa, Ginger Ella Tolliver organized a Junior Country Club. It was to be something exclusive—just for the "younger set." Accordingly Ginger, whose father was a minister and whose stepmother, the former Phil Van Doorn, was both wealthy and indolent, purchased an old farm house, and remodeled it.

To Red Thrush came Bard Holloway, a younger artist who was hobnobbing around the new club house. Bard gave the name "Jole de Vireo" to the club. And he thought it would be splendid if they could import from Chicago one Nicolo Cellone. For Nicolo was handsome and he could cook and sing and strum a guitar. He would make a picturesque addition to the club.

But in Nicolo's place there arrived three of his countrymen. Little Angelo was a musician and Pietro could sing. And Nicolo could sing. Nicolo, it seemed, could not come, and they had come in his place. Ginger took them on.

Bard began to realize he was falling in love with Ginger and he suggested leaving Red Thrush, but this knowing how Ginger felt about it, persuaded him to remain longer as "Speed" Honey, a former friend of her own.

In the east, inviting him to visit them. She felt Speed would know her own country and enable Ginger to know her own mind. Ginger thereupon invited Pietro to take care of Speed. But Pietro wouldn't come, pleading loyalty to Eddy Jackson. Whereupon Ginger went to Eddy. Eddy persuaded Pietro to come and when Ginger received word that Speed was bringing his sister with him she set Eddy to come, too. And Eddy decided to bail himself up and make life miserable for Ginger.

Meanwhile Benito has made a trip to Chicago and returned with present. Also with a plan to kidnap Ginger and hold her for ransom.

## NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

## CHAPTER XXV

Eddy was to join the party in time for dinner on the afternoon of their arrival and would share Bard's room. Patty was to room with Ginger, thus leaving the two large rooms at the front of the house for Speed and Little Sister, as they persistently called her.

Ginger had put Patty through a pretty severe course of training as to what was expected of her, and had gone as far as she dared in impressing upon Eddy that he had been invited for the sole purpose of entertaining Little Sister.

"I'll do my best, Ginger," he said cheerfully, "but you know I'm pretty shy with women, and I do not like them sickish. I'll try, but I need help when I'm among the ladies, and if she answers my best efforts with a sad sweet smile I shall pass her right on to your father and I'll fill in with Phil. I got along with her all right. I like healthy women."

With this Ginger was obliged to be satisfied for she had an instinctive feeling that the way of discretion lay in not pressing Eddy too hard.

Saturday morning of the day scheduled for their arrival, she spent with Bard at Mill Rush, hanging over his shoulder as he worked at the series of outdoor views he was making for her.

Benito, whose interest in everything that went on around him was unbounded, was also an enthusiastic and not uncritical spectator.

"I like art, Miss Ginger," he said. "Next to music and farming, I like pictures. It gives me a funny feeling up and down when I look at a picture and see the house where I live, or one of the bird-houses I built with my own hands, or the very swing I sit in. And when I stand here and watch Mr. Bard drawing in my very boat out there it makes my insides go up and down like I was seasick. I'm very fond of pictures."

"I want to do a big one of you, Benito," said Bard. "I think I'll do you out by the bird fount, and paint in a few birds around you afterward."

"I'd like to be painted with birds," said Benito simply. "I like all those flying and singing things. You know what, Miss Ginger? In

my bird-house upstairs by my window—what you think I've got there? Doves! Yes, sir. Two doves. A-gulping and chucking to each other day and night. I like doves. Nice, gentle, home bodied—I like."

"I should think they would be afraid—so close to your window," said Benito.

"Birds are never afraid of me," said Benito proudly. "All us singers understand each other. I'm glad I got doves up there, instead of robins. Robins is pretty chirky for steady company. Doves, now, make me think of my woman back there in Italy. Soon's I buy me a farm I'll have her over. Doves—just like that."

Bard and Ginger smiled sympathetically at each other. What a sweet simple son of the soil this was, and how fortunate they were in having him as member of their household.

At one o'clock, after a luncheon served to them on the front porch by Benito, Bard and Ginger hurried back to Doorndee, eight miles away. Everything was in readiness for the arrival of Speed and his sister, who were due to arrive on the 3:30 from Chicago.

Patty, carefully dressed for the occasion in a cool summer frock, was sitting on the edge of her chair tense with expectancy, and Ginger submitted her to rigid inspection.

"You look very nice," she said. "You'd better wear my sapphires. Speed likes blue. And you're not going to have such a bad time," she added consolingly. "Speed was really rather good, as I remember it."

Eddy was to put in his appearance just in time for dinner, after which they planned to drive out to Mill Rush for the dance. Eddy taking Little Sister in his car, while Ginger conveyed Speed and Patty in the rumble seat of her roadster.

It seemed that nothing could be more clear-cut and explicit, yet Ginger Ella was due to disappointment from the first.

The initial shock came at the railway station. She ran her rooster up beside the curb, made arrangements with Iry Ford to take charge of her guests' baggage and stood waiting beside the open door of the car as the train pulled in.

Speed appeared first, looking older, larger, even taller. He saw Ginger at once and waved a boyish greeting as he turned to lift a hand to—Ginger held her breath—Little Sister?

A tall smart girl swung lithely down. Ginger had no time for intimate details in that first glance, but the general impression was one of stunning chic, of almost startling sophistication and poise, of rarely smart costuming.

No sign of sickness there, no gentle pallor nor winsome weakness. She was laughing with an air of pleased interest as she swung along at Speed's side with steps that matched his own, and without waiting for an introduction held out to Ginger a slim hand modishly gloved in elbow-length doekskin.

"Oh, Ginger Ella!" she cried. "Let's not be introduced. Let's just be friends."

"All right, agreed Ginger dispiritedly. In her acutely vivid mind's eye she could already see this tall assured young person standing out in strong lines upon Bard's biggest canvas. She tried to shake away her quick repression.

"Oh, Speed!" she remonstrated. "You've grown up."

"Well, rather," he said, laughing. "And jolly well time, if you ask

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## COMMONS AND CHINA.

MR. HENDERSON HAS NO  
CHANGE TO REPORT.

London, Apr. 1. In the House of Commons in reply to questions Mr. Henderson said that there was no material change in conditions in China since his statement on the 9th inst. Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson asked if the Nanking Government now controlled the greater part of China and Mr. Henderson replied "No, I am afraid it does not."—*Reuter.*

"Heavens," thought Ginger Ella. "That six months in Europe has made him Britisher than the Prince of Wales."

But she shook hands with him cordially and, motioning to Iry Ford to come for their cheeks, led into the sent behind the wheel.

"There's room for three in front. You aren't sick enough to be hurt by a little squeezing, are you?" she inquired solicitously of Little Sister.

"Oh certainly not. The kind of sickness I've got, squeezing does it good," was the bright reply.

"Wise-cracker," thought Ginger moodily. "She would be."

Speed carefully assisted his sister in beside Ginger and crowded into the narrow space reserved for him. "Your name is Alicia, isn't it?" asked Ginger. "I remember Speed told me that years ago. We've just been calling you Little Sister among ourselves, so if we do it to your face you will understand."

"Don't call me Alicia. Nobody does. Everybody calls me Cotton."

"Cotton! Did you say Cotton—just plain Cotton?"

"Yes," said Speed, with a proprietary complacency, "because everybody 'cottons' right up to her at first sight."

"Oh, they do," muttered Ginger. "They would."

"You will, too," said Cotton, smiling. "You don't think so just at first because I am so different from what you expected. But you will when you get used to me."

"What makes you think I'm not what you expected—I mean you're not what you expected—I mean—"

Cotton laughed again. "Because you called me Little Sister. I'm not so very big and I am a sister, but, Little Sister doesn't fit me a bit."

"No," Ginger shook her head sadly. "But Cotton does."

Phil and Mr. Tolliver were waiting for them on the veranda.

"You remember Speed," said Ginger, with an assumption of brightness. "And this is Little Sister. But everybody calls her Cotton."

"So will we," said Phil cordially. She was surprised, too, as Ginger had been, but on the whole favourably. She felt instinctively that this girl was something of her own kind, one she could understand. She did not care for thin-spirited people.

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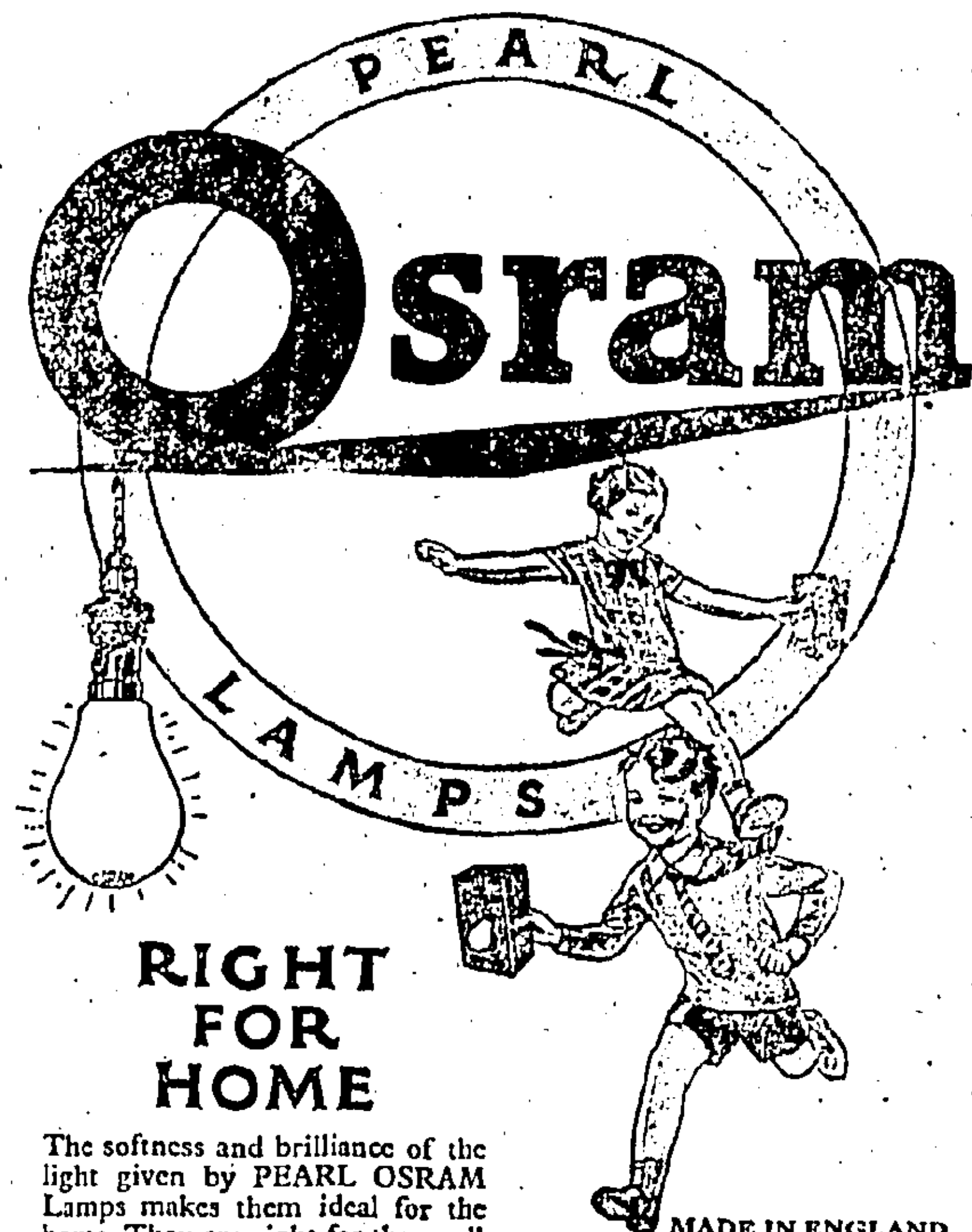
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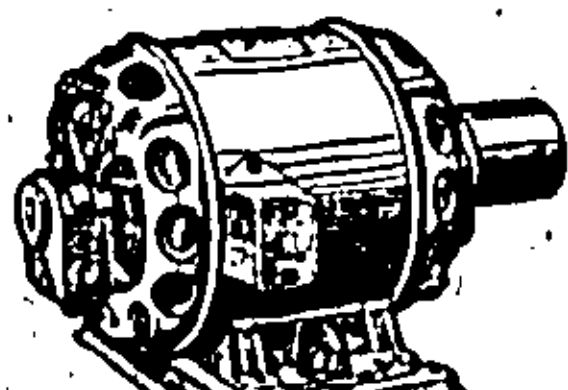
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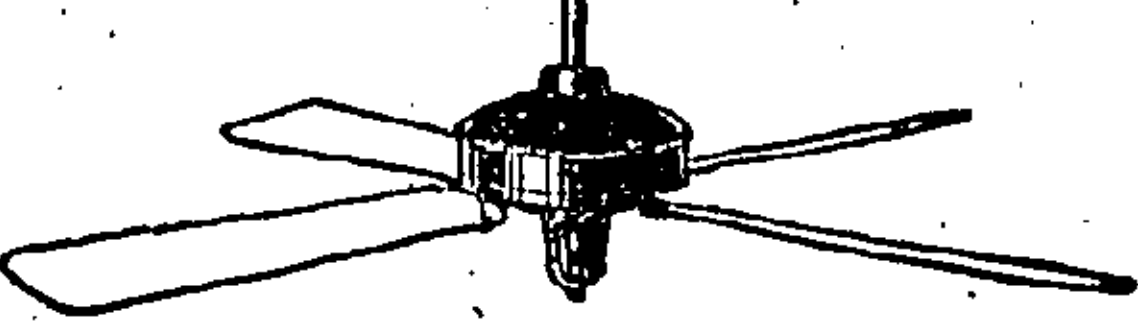
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## COLLEGE SPORTS.

### RESULTS OF ST. PAUL'S ATHLETIC MEETING.

Two records were broken at the 20th Annual Athletic Sports of St. Paul's College held yesterday afternoon on the South China Athletic Association ground at Carroll Hill. The programme consisted of no fewer than 27 events, and on the whole, quite a good day's sport was seen, with many close finishes which added to the enjoyment of the numerous spectators.

Speaking at the conclusion of the meeting, the Rev. E. G. Stewart, the Headmaster, said they were lucky to have extremely favourable weather for fast times. This year saw a change in the sports, in that the distances were altered from yards to metres.

Two records were smashed during the meeting, both being in the long jump. Chiu Ping-hung improved on the previous best jump by nearly a foot, and Yung Ki-fong bettered the previous Junior best by nearly two feet.

Continuing, Mr. Stewart said they were honoured for the first time by the presence of the ladies in such large numbers, and the attendance of Miss K. Woo, M.B.E., who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

He congratulated the winners on their success during the afternoon, and the winning class of the St. Paul's Girls' School which won the relay race. Talking about St. Paul's Girls' School, said the speaker, he remembered he had challenged Miss Woo in an athletic meet between his school here. He had promised her a handicap of 15 per cent. of the distance in every race, but so far, his challenge had been treated with contempt (laughter).

Mr. Stewart expressed thanks to the South China Athletic Association for once again placing their ground at their disposal. He congratulated St. Joseph's College on winning the inter-school relay race, Class 3A, for their success in the inter-class championship, and the joint secretaries, Messrs. Ho Ka-lau and K. L. Ho on their efforts in making the meeting the success that it was.

#### Results.

The following were the full results:

Senior 100 metres.—1, Chiu Ping-hung; 2, Ching Siu-nam; 3, Chan Yut-tin. Time 11.5".

Junior 100 metres.—1, Wong Chung-luen; 2, Yung Ki-fong; 3, Chiu Ping-cheung. Time 12-3/5".

Small Boys 100 metres.—1, Li Ming-hung; 2, Li Ting-hung; 3, Lau Ping-pui. Time 16.2".

1,500 metres handicap.—1, Lam Kai-tok; 2, Mok Fuk-in; 3, Lo Ho-fai. Time 5-22.5".

Senior 200 metres.—1, Chiu Ping-hung; 2, Ching Siu-nam; 3, Yuen Chan-kut. Time 23.3/5".

Junior 200 metres.—1, Yung Ki-fong; 2, Wong Chung-luen; 3, Chiu Ping-cheung. Time 26".

Small Boys high jump.—1, Li Tai-loi; 2, Lam Ping-pui; 3, Ko Man-kwong. Height 3ft. 0 1/2 in.

Junior high jump.—1, Yung Ki-fong; 2, Chiu Ping-cheung; 3, Lai Kung-huen. Height 4ft. 9 in.

Senior high jump.—1, Chiu Ping-hung; 2, Choi Kin-kwok; 3, Ching Siu-nam. Height 5ft. 3/4 in.

Small Boys 400 metres.—1, Li Ming-hung; 2, Li Tin-sun; 3, Ko Man-kwong. Time 1' 19".

Junior 400 metres.—1, Wong Chung-luen; 2, Chiu Ping-cheung; 3, Li Wal-chee. Time 64.9".

Senior 400 metres.—1, Chiu Ping-hung; 2, Ching Siu-nam; 3, Chan Yut-tin. Time 60".

Scout Race 400 metres.—1, Lo Heng-fai; 2, Mak In-ning; 3, Li Tai-loi. Time 70.4".

Staff Walking Race.—1, Mr. Man Ping-yi; 2, Mr. Hon Lau-fung; 3, Mr. Tse Hok-yue. Time 27".

Senior 800 metres.—1, Cheung Siu-kwai; 2, Choi Kin-kwok; 3, Mak Yuen-ting. Time 2' 30".

St. Paul's Girls' School Inter-class Relay.—1, Miss Li Min-ping, Miss Ng King-oi, Miss Li Suk-hing, Miss Yung Po-yie.

Old Boys 200 metres.—1, Mr. Chan King-chor; 2, Mr. Wong Man-kai. Time 26.4".

Invitation School Relay Race 1,000 metres.—St. Joseph's College. Time 4".

Junior Low Hurdles 110 metres.—1, Yung Ki-fong; 2, Chiu Ping-cheung; 3, Lai Kung-huen. Time 18.3/5".

Senior High Hurdles 110 metres.—1, Chan Yut-tin; 2, Ching Siu-nam; 3, Chiu Ping-hung. Time 19".

100 metres Relay (inter-class).—1, Chiu Ping-cheung. Time 52.4".

1,500 metres Senior.—1, Cheung Siu-kwai; 2, Choi Kin-kwok; 3, Mak In-ning. Time 6' 4".

Senior Low Hurdles 200 metres.—1, Ching Siu-nam; 2, Chan Yut-tin; 3, Chiu Ping-hung. Time 22.2".

Small Boys Long Jump.—1, Lau Ping-pui; 2, Ko Man-kwong; 3, Peter So. Distance 18ft. 10 in.

Junior Long Jump.—1, Yung Ki-fong; 2, Wong Chung-luen; 3, Chiu Ping-cheung. Distance 18ft. 1 in.

Senior Long Jump.—1, Chiu Ping-hung; 2, Ching Siu-nam; 3, Chan Yut-tin. Distance 20ft. 1 1/2 in. 18ft. 6 in. 18ft. 1 in.

50 metres Small Girls (St. Paul's Girls' School).—1, Wong Sun-ching; 2, Lam Wing-ngor; 3, Li Sun-hon. Time 8 1/2".

## GOLF.

### TEAM FOR THE WEEK-END.

The following team has been selected to represent the Hanny Valley Golf Club at the Kowloon Golf Club: K. S. Robertson, (Captain), C. B. Robertson, A. O. Brown, F. E. Ranker, F. M. McTear, H. H. Stanley, E. Morrison, C. W. Chalmers, J. H. Hume, L. E. Longbottom, R. S. W. Paterson, A. E. Clark, H. T. Brooks, W. M. Smith, and A. W. White. Singles will be played in the morning and pairs in the afternoon, the first tee at nine a.m. sharp.

## POINT-TO-POINT.

### MISS P. SCOTT HARSTON WINS HEAVYWEIGHTS.

A very pleasant afternoon's sport was witnessed at Fanling on Sunday, when a fairly large gathering turned up to see the point-to-point races which were held by the Fanling Hunt and Race Club.

Two events, a lightweight and a heavyweight, were contested. The first resulted in a win for Dr. J. C. Macgown, and the second went to Miss Pamela Scott Harston, who had the misfortune to be heavily thrown in the lightweight event, but subsequently saddled up again in the "heavies." She won brilliantly from a field of good cross-country riders. The results follow:

#### Lightweights.

Dr. Macgown Fanling Stag 1  
Mrs. Jewitt Parnigan 2  
Mrs. Dowley Nugget 3  
Others.—Mr. Warink (Sunloch), Mr. Dale (Diann), Mr. King (Peking), Mr. Wood (Gadder), Miss Pamela Scott Harston (Christmas Belle), Mr. Harston (Desert Storm), Mr. Harston (Chummy), Mr. Anderson (Appollinaris), Mr. Harrison (Grand Symphony).

#### Heavyweights.

Miss Pamela Scott Harston Christmas Belle 1  
Mr. Grundy Bright Prospect 2  
Mr. Johnson Duke of Nibbiang 3  
Others.—Miss E. Scott Harston (The Bruiser), Miss Hutchinson (Big China), Mrs. Anderson (King Cobra), Mr. Parkin (Discord), Mr. Nelson (Duke of Milan), Mr. Bousfield (The Bay Mare), Mr. Brayfield (Fernleaf), Mr. Dale (Diann).

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

### THE HONGKONG-SHANGHAI PORTUGUESE INTERPORT.

The Shanghai members of the Portuguese Company, S.V.C., fired their second annual rifle contest with the Portuguese Company, Hongkong V.D.C., on Thursday morning and in spite of the high wind, which impaired, to a great extent, the shooting on this side, the local team managed to score a second win over the southerners by the fair margin of 95 points. The best ten men represented each city.

The conditions of the shoot were given by Hongkong and included a section of the annual Territorial course. The conditions were: 200 yd. deliberate, lying in the open, 5 rounds; 200 yd. snap-shooting around cover, 5 rounds; 200 yd. rapid firing from standing to prone, rifle rested, 10 rounds; 500 yd. deliberate, lying in the open, 5 rounds. The scores of the local team follow:

	200 delib.	200 snap	200 rapid	500 delib.	Total
Pte. Carlos Silva	18	17	30	16	81
Cpl. Moses Gutierrez	18	17	30	18	83
Lieut. Prospero Costa	17	19	30	18	84
Cpl. Luis Marcel	16	18	30	16	80
Lieut. Henriquez Caldas	17	18	30	12	77
Lieut. Mathias Campos	13	16	30	13	72
Pte. Eduardo Silva	16	12	30	16	74
Capt. Manuel Leitao	11	18	30	14	73
Cpl. Vicente d'Aguilar	2	24	30	20	76
Cpl. Theodorico Oliveira	17	16	20	18	71

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## SHANTUNG CONSTABLE BRIBED.

### CONVICTED OF TAKING \$5 FROM GAMBLER.

An allegation of misconduct by a constable was brought against a Shantung constable who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Detective Inspector Shannon was for the police while Mr. F. C. E. Rendall held a watching brief on behalf of the complainant.

According to Detective Inspector Shannon it was alleged against the defendant that on March 19 at about noon he was one of a party of four Shantung men who entered the ground floor of 165, Hollywood Road, in which was run the popular gambling game known as *Sze mei*, or the missing word competition. The defendant was alleged to have demanded \$5 from the master, Au Sun-hoi, but he was put off without receiving any payment.

The following day the defendant was alleged to have gone with another Shantung man and repeated the demand. At four o'clock another visit was made. On each occasion he asked for \$5, but each time the master was away. At 8.30 p.m. the defendant and another Shantung policeman, both in full uniform, made yet another visit to the premises. The defendant entered the shop and asked for \$5, at the same time using a raincoat, which he had been carrying on his shoulder, to drive away the people who were buying counters on the game being played on the premises.

The defendant was then seen to speak to a Cantonese man who went to the master of the shop and asked him for \$5. The master offered \$1, but, after speaking to the defendant, the Cantonese returned to say that the defendant would accept \$3. This sum was accordingly handed to the Cantonese, who took it to the door where the defendant was standing.

The defendant was seen to reach out his hand for the money, although it was not actually passed. Immediately afterwards the defendant put his hand in his pocket as if he had received the money. The defendant left and was followed by the Cantonese, the game in the shop then continuing.

At 9 p.m. that evening the complainant went to the Central Police Station and made a report of the incident.

Defendant was found guilty and sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

## DESERT CONQUERED.

### FIRST MAN TO CROSS IT GETS AWARD.

London, Apr. 1.  
What explorers have hailed as the "first greatest step towards the final elucidation of the riddle of the sands"—that of crossing the Re-balkhali great sandy desert in South Arabia, has earned Mr. Bertram Thomas, who performed the feat last spring, the Founders' Medal of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr. Thomas covered the 900 miles in 58 days and was the first non-Moslem and probably first man to cross the hitherto unexplored tract. He is not yet forty and is Prime Minister to Sultan Oman.

Reuter.

## MAJESTIC HOTEL.

### SIR ROBERT HO TUNG POSSIBLE BUYER.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and six others have formed a syndicate for the purchase of the Majestic Hotel for \$3,500,000, should the Municipal Council decline the option, which expires on April 16.

The main object, it is said, is to preserve the famous ballroom from demolition in order to retain it as an international meeting place, for which purpose in the past it has been extremely popular with Chinese society.—Reuter.

[There has recently been great public agitation in Shanghai for the preservation of the Majestic Hotel for the public, in particular the ball-room which has been very popular since the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotel company built it in 1924. The present owners offered the building to the Municipal Council for \$3,500,000.]

## JAPANESE NAVY LIST.

### MODERN CRAFT TO BE LAUNCHED.

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The valuable assistance rendered by Japanese destroyers on patrol and convoy work in the Mediterranean during the world war is recalled by the announcement that eight destroyers which were built in 1915 and sent to Malta under the command of Rear Admiral Sato in April 1917, were removed to-day from the Navy List.

They include the Sakaki, which was repaired after having been

## JAVA TRADE MISSION.

### TO SPEND SIX MONTHS STUDYING CONDITIONS.

With the purpose of furthering the Chinese export trade to Java, a commercial mission of eighteen prominent Java Chinese merchants, including many officials of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce there, under the chairmanship of Mr. Chang Ming, the Chinese Consul-General, arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday on the s.s. Tjingara. The Mission represents practically all important industries and business firms in Java.

On their arrival here the visitors were welcomed on board the s.s. Tjingara by officials of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

The mission is organized with the object of cementing commercial relations between China and Java and spokesmen have made a statement to the effect that Chinese in Java believe that with the unification and restoration of peace in China a big opportunity is offered to the native manufacturers in the interior of China to increase their exports to Java. The Mission will spend a few days in Hongkong, visiting Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, and returning to the Colony again some time towards the end of this month.

The mission intends to spend six months in China and will visit Nan-king, Shanghai, Hangchow, Wuchang, Hankow, Peking, Mukden, Tsingtao and Tientsin. At Nanking the merchants hope to interview some of the leading politicians.

The mission was entertained by Mr. Ko Leong-hoe, managing director of the Ho Hong Bank Ltd., on Tuesday, at a dinner in the South China Restaurant.

torpedoed with the loss of the commander and 60 of the crew.

To-morrow the new aircraft carrier *Ryujō*, of 7,600 tons will be launched at Yokohama in the presence of Prince Fushimi, who will represent the Emperor, while on April 6, the Chokai, the last of Japan's 10,000-ton cruisers will be launched.—Reuter.

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## THE EXTRALITY QUESTION.

### NANKING OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS.

Nanking, Apr. 1. An extraordinary meeting to discuss measures to be adopted by the Nanking Foreign Ministry to bring about a settlement with the French, British and U.S. Ministers now visiting Nanking on the unconditional abolition of Extraterritoriality before the opening of the National People's Convention in May, was held by members of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Central Political Council yesterday evening. Details of the discussions are kept secret but it is understood that as a result of this meeting the Nanking Government may adopt new measures in continuing the negotiations.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, continued discussions with Sir Miles Lampson yesterday morning. After the conference Dr. Wang said that no satisfactory result had been reached. Commenting on the firm stand of the French Minister, Dr. Wang said that if he could reach some form of agreement with the British and U.S. Ministers the rest would be easy. At the weekly session of the Foreign Office on Monday it was officially announced that Dr. C. T. Wang expected making progress with the negotiations with the British and Dutch Ministers on the Extraterritoriality issue in the near future. The official spokesman mentioned that the existing Sino-Japanese commercial treaty had expired and consequently Japan's Extraterritorial privileges in China would automatically cease. The Chinese Government was contemplating according special privileges to the Japanese on the expiration of the Sino-Japanese treaty.

### China's Treaties.

Nanking, Mar. 31. The Nationalist aspiration for the cancellation of the existing Sino-foreign treaties again formed the subject of a long speech by President Chiang Kai-shek at the Central Kuomintang yesterday, when he stressed the necessity for all Chinese citizens to stand behind the Government in urging the cancellation or revision of these treaties.

President Chiang said that in the 35 years before the opening of the National People's Convention the Nationalist Government must closely examine the friendly or hostile attitudes of the European Powers, some of which were now negotiating for the revision of treaties with China. In view of his statements, Nanking officials believe that the Nanking desire for the abolition of existing treaties may come up for heated debate at the National Convention which is scheduled for May 5.

## CHINA'S NEW TAX.

### SPECIAL IMPOSTS ON TEA AND FIRECRACKERS.

Nanking, Apr. 1. The Government has decided to levy a special consumption tax of ten per cent. on firecrackers and ten, five per cent. on opium and paper, four per cent. on wood, and twenty-five per cent. on tin foil.

Porcelain goods will pay no tax and firecrackers will be exempted if made for export.—Renter.

## NEW CINEMA FOR MACAO.

### FOR SHOWS ADAPTED TO EUROPEAN TASTE.

Macao, Mar. 31. Invitations are being issued for the formal inauguration and opening, at an early date, of the Capitol Theatre at Macao, a cinema theatre that will give this Portuguese colony the honour of being provided with a house of picture entertainment that compares favourably with the best in the Far East.

The enterprise is sponsored by the Macao Amusements, Ltd., a local concern providing picture entertainment in two theatres, the Capitol Theatre being intended for shows more or less adapted to European tastes, and another, now in course of construction, catering to Chinese.

The management believe that the Capitol Theatre will fill a growing need at Macao for productions of the best kind, and with this object in view have concluded arrangements with a well-known company in Hongkong for a regular service of talkie-pictures for the Company's patrons at Macao. The first picture to be shown will be "Love Parade," which has made such a hit wherever it has been shown.

A tour of inspection of the building reveals many interesting features, not least among which is the fact that the theatre provides accommodation for nine hundred persons, very much in excess of the largest house of entertainment at Macao, evidence of the confidence of the enterprising management in the coming development of the colony.

Designed by Mr. P. F. Chan of Hongkong, the building is constructed of brick and cement concrete, with a spacious foyer, which is believed to be an innovation in theatre accommodation in South China, insuring the highest degree of comfort for the patrons of the theatre. A public bar adds to the other conveniences provided in the building.

### Many Features.

Other distinctive features are concealed lights in the auditorium and imported chairs of leather for the dress circle and of hardwood for the stalls. Boxes for the convenience of patrons are also provided, while the scheme of decoration has been conceived to give the interior an oriental atmosphere, as if by way of contrast with the luxuriousness in the appointments furnished for the comfort of patrons.

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### SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF VISIT TO CHINA.

London, Mar. 29. Sir Ernest Thompson's economic mission to the Far East is officially satisfied with the result of its visit.

The general finding is that China needs peace and not loans. Members of the Commission do not believe that the proposed American loan project, which has been dropped since silver has risen, would be of the slightest assistance in the stabilization of silver.

They further express the view that British trade should be placed on a competitive basis as an essential in improving British trade in the Far East.—N. C. D. News.

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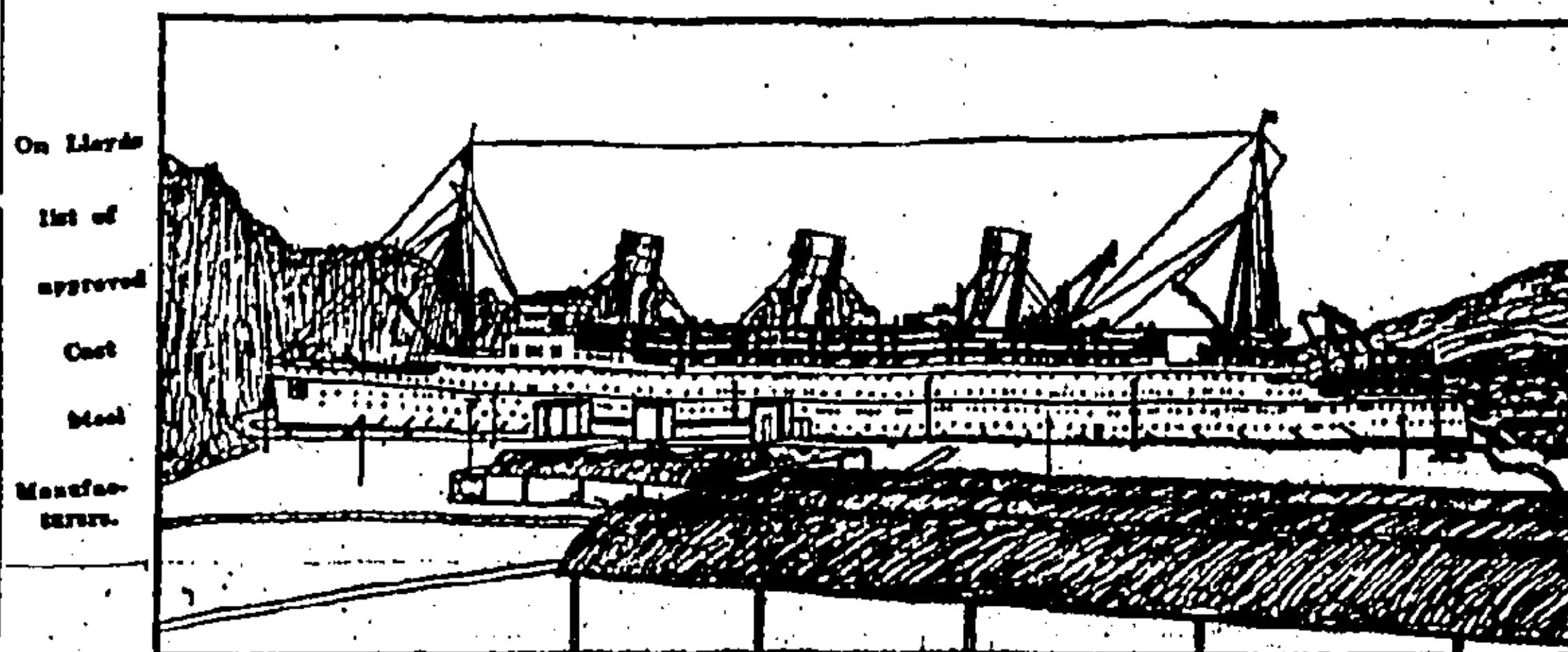
Macao has every reason to be proud of the new enterprise, and the many visitors to the building, during the course of construction, have testified to the fact that the management of the Capitol Theatre are justifying their claim that the new cinema-theatre is not inferior to anything in its own class anywhere in the Far East.

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COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	4th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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## DESTRUCTION OF MANAGUA.

FIRE HORRORS DUE TO GAS MAIN BURSTS.

BRITONS ESCAPE.

London, Apr. 1. The total destruction of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, was caused by the fire which followed quickly upon the disastrous earthquake, which was apparently localised in the city.

The blaze originated in the burning of gas mains, which flamed furiously, and caused a widespread conflagration it was impossible to control.

The fire was still raging this afternoon, more than thirty hours after the initial disaster. Official information from the British Consul, who escaped uninjured, shows that the British Legation was seriously threatened (a Reuter report announced its destruction by fire) but it is believed that there were no casualties among the small British colony.

Unofficial estimates of the casualties vary. One places the figures at 1,000 killed and 3,000 injured. Another states that the total number of killed is expected to reach 2,500. Some 150 prisoners in the goal were killed by the collapse of the buildings. The total damage is believed to exceed £7,000,000.—British Wireless and Reuter.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.16 1/2	124.17 1/2
Geneva	25.25 1/2	25.25 1/2
Berlin	20.38 1/2	20.40
Oslo	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	19.34	19.34
Buenos Aires	39.1/16	39.3/32
Athens	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1/3 1/4	1/3 1/4
New York	4.85 25/32	4.85 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12	12.12
Stockholm	18.15	18.15
Vienna	34.55 1/2	34.54 1/2
Madrid	44.6	44.4
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	35 1/4	35 1/4
Hongkong	1/—	1/—
Brussels	34.94 1/2	34.94 1/2
Copenhagen	18.10 1/2	18.10 1/2
Milan	92.76 1/2	92.77 1/2
Prague	164	164
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3 1/4	3 1/4
Bombay	1/5.27/32	1/5.27/32
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.27/32
Silver (spot)	15.3/16	12.15/16
(forward)	13 1/2	13

—British Wireless.

## NEW TORY PARTY CHAIRMAN.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNS.

SUCCESSOR NAMED.

London, Apr. 1. The retirement was announced to-night of Mr. Neville Chamberlain from the Chairmanship of the Conservative Party Organisation.

Mr. Chamberlain took over this post last June to effect Measures of reorganisation, which he has completed.

Lord Stonehaven, formerly Governor-General of Australia, has consented to undertake the Chairmanship of the Party.—British Wireless.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain has held several ministerial posts



Mr. Chamberlain.

under Mr. Baldwin, these including Minister of Health, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Postmaster General, Paymaster General, and Director General of National Services. Aged 60 years, he is a brother of Sir Austin Chamberlain. He has been closely associated with the civic life of Birmingham, becoming a member of the City Council in 1911 and being Lord Mayor in 1915 and again in 1916.

Lord Stonehaven, the new Chairman of the Party, was Governor-General of Australia from 1925 until last year. Aged 55, he is a son of Sir Alex Baird and was formerly in the diplomatic service. He entered Parliament in 1910 as member for Rugby and acted as private secretary to the

## RANGERS ON HEELS OF MOTHERWELL.

COWDENBEATH IMPROVE LEAGUE STANDING.

London, Apr. 1. Scottish League matches played to-day resulted in a 2-0 victory for Glasgow Rangers against Queen's Park, and a 3-1 success for Cowdenbeath, playing at home to Hamilton Academical.

The revised league table follows: League Table.

	P.W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	34	23	6	5	52	52
Rangers	33	23	6	5	52	51
Cowden	32	20	8	4	59	51
Partick	34	21	3	9	57	46
Leith	34	17	6	12	52	39
Dunfermline	34	17	4	13	53	34
Arbroath	34	15	4	15	52	30
Cowdenbeath	34	16	6	13	52	36
Perth	30	14	7	14	57	31
Albion	30	16	5	15	54	35
Clyde	34	16	4	15	58	71
St. Mirren	32	11	7	14	49	50
Amman	33	11	6	16	54	71
Partick	33	12	3	18	57	78
Queen's P.K.	33	10	9	17	57	55
Leith	34	7	10	17	48	71
Liberty	34	8	6	20	49	74
St. Johnstone	32	9	10	17	42	81
East Fife	33	9	4	24	34	108

## RACING GAME SUMMONS.

RAID ON "ESCALADO" ESTABLISHMENT.

"Escalado," the miniature race game which has become a popular pastime among the Chinese of late and which was recently held by the local Magistrate to come within the definition of gambling, was again mentioned before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning when Mr. C. E. L. Grist, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of gambling, on behalf of the organisers of the game.

A raid was carried out yesterday by Detective Sergeant Macdonald at 262, Des Voeux Road, Central, where the game was found in progress. Six men were arrested, two of them alleged to be keepers of the game, while the others were accused of gambling in a common gambling house.

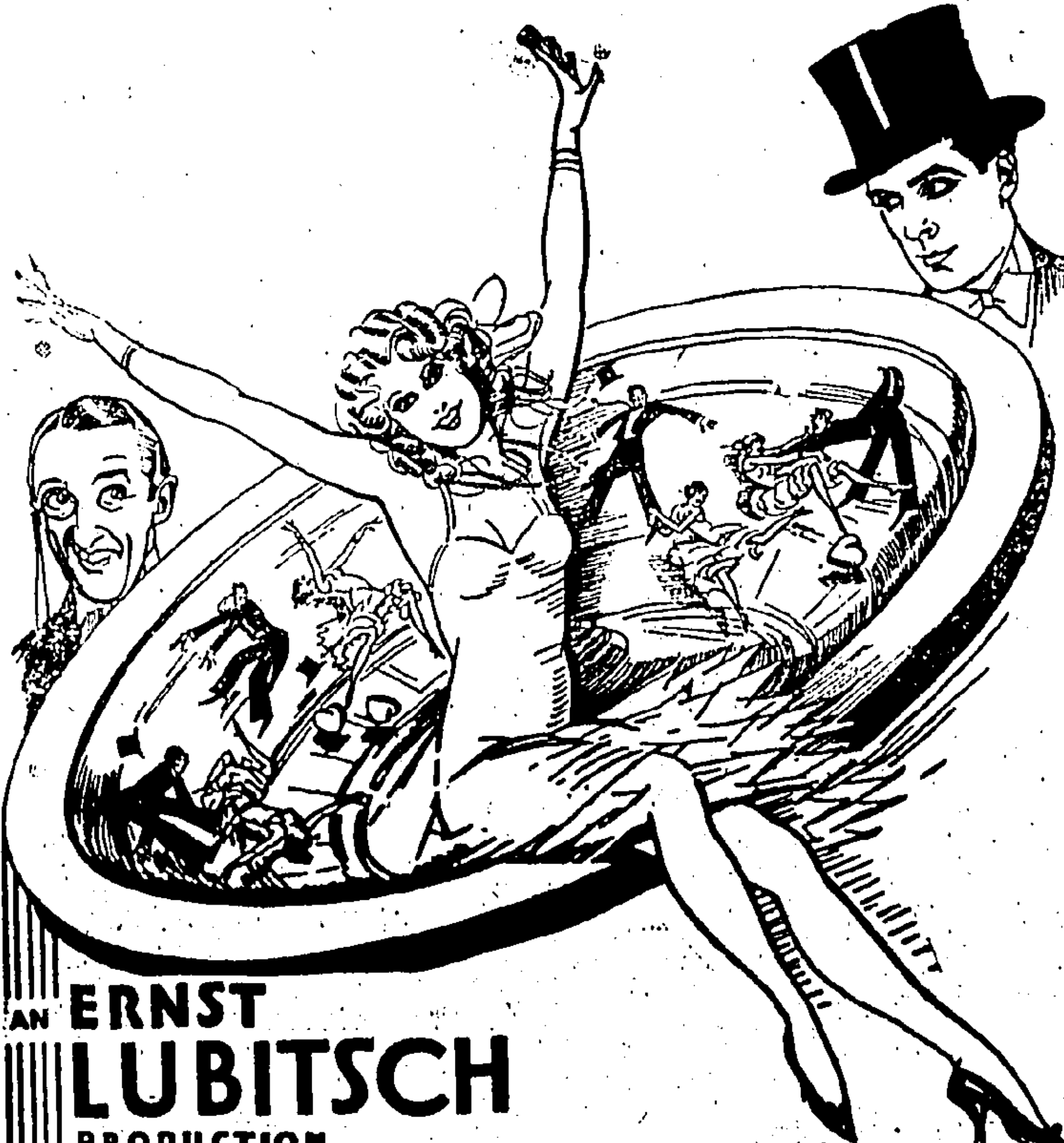
The hearing of the case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

late Mr. Bonar Law. For a time he was Under-Secretary to the Home Office and from 1922 to 1924 was First Commissioner of Works.

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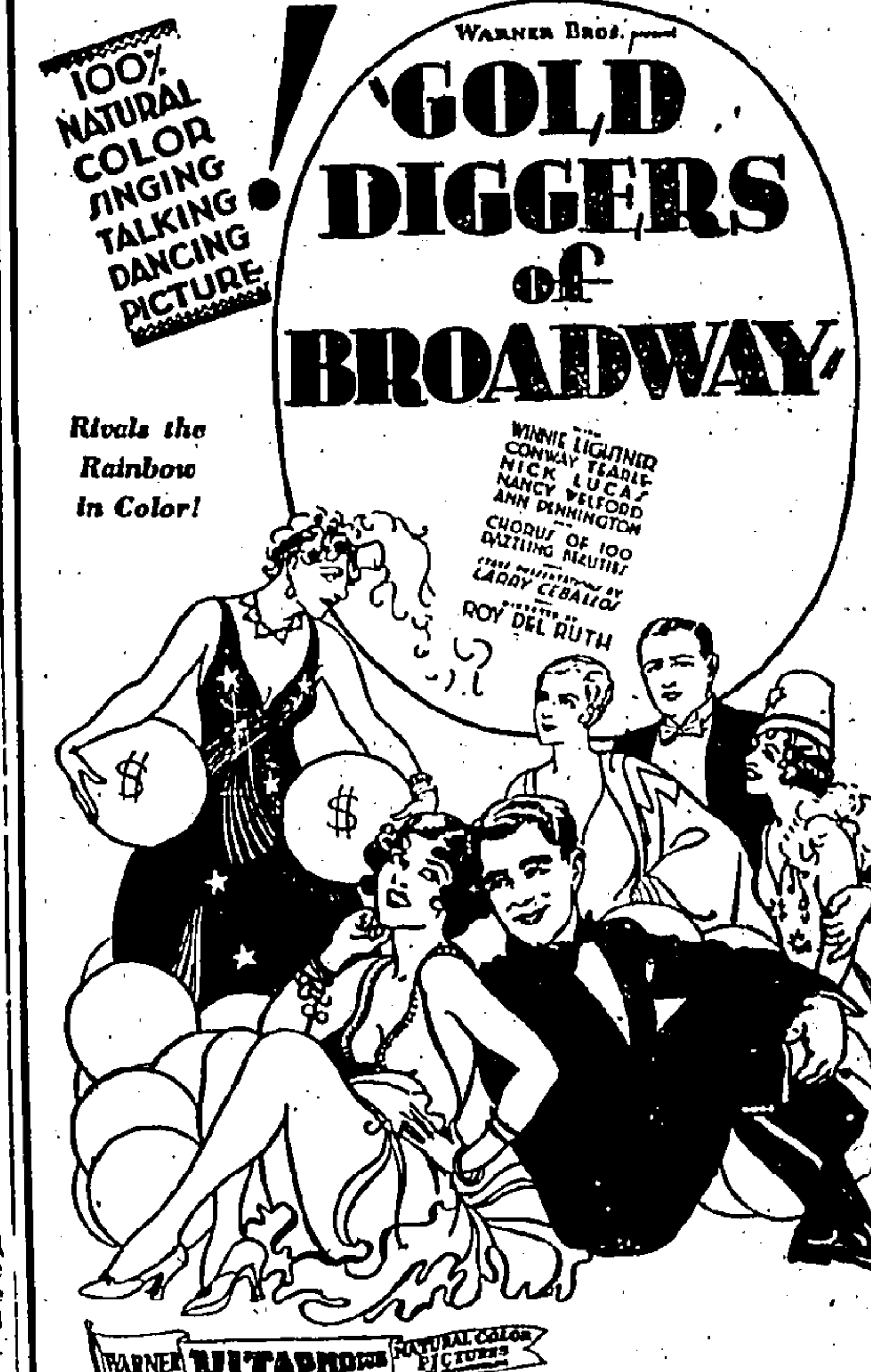
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# AMUSEMENTS

AT THE **QUEEN'S** SHOWING TO-DAY  
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BANKERS, BROKERS, BOOBS PRODUCE  
"PAY DIRT" FOR SIRENS OF THE NIGHT



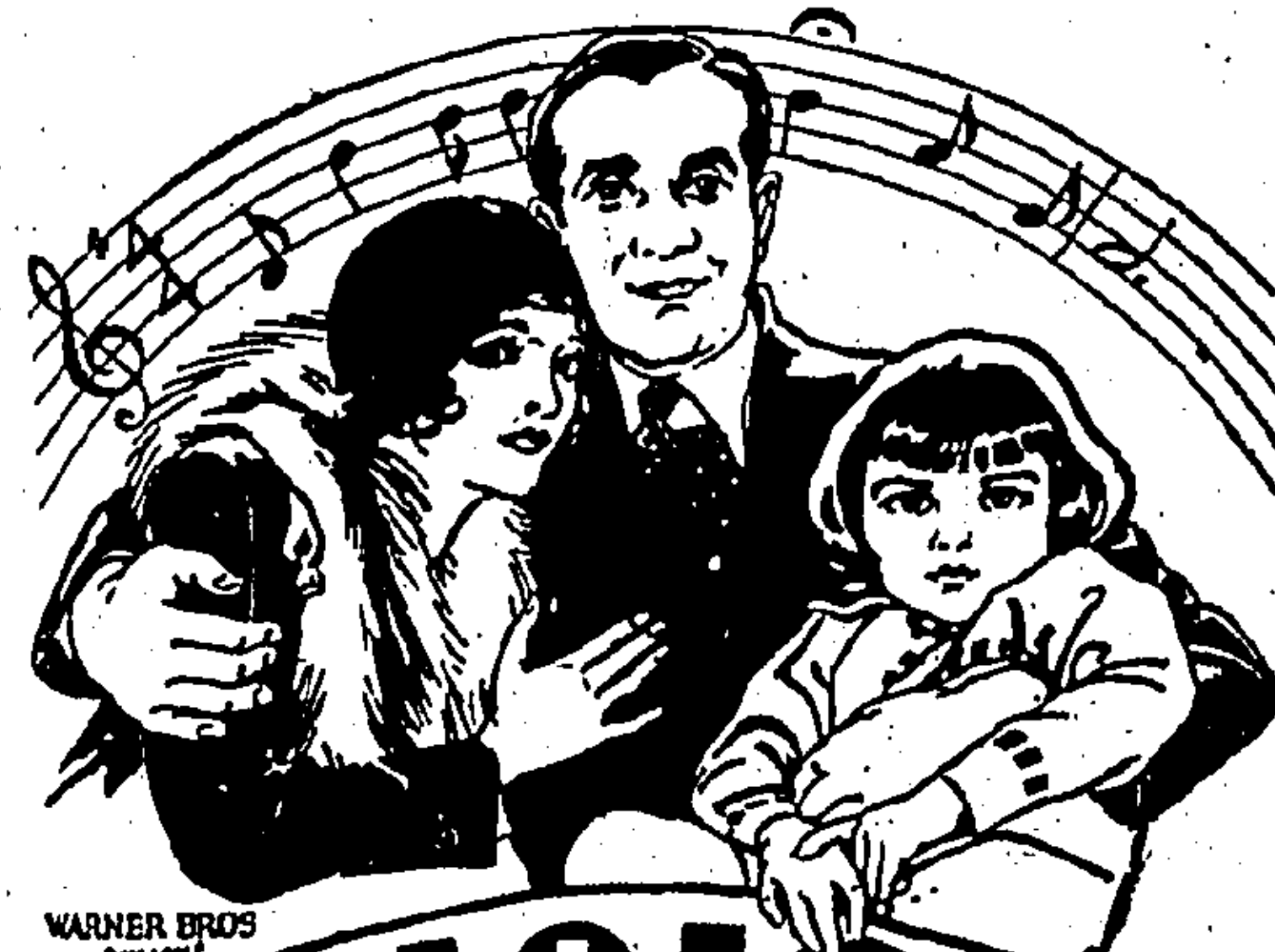
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